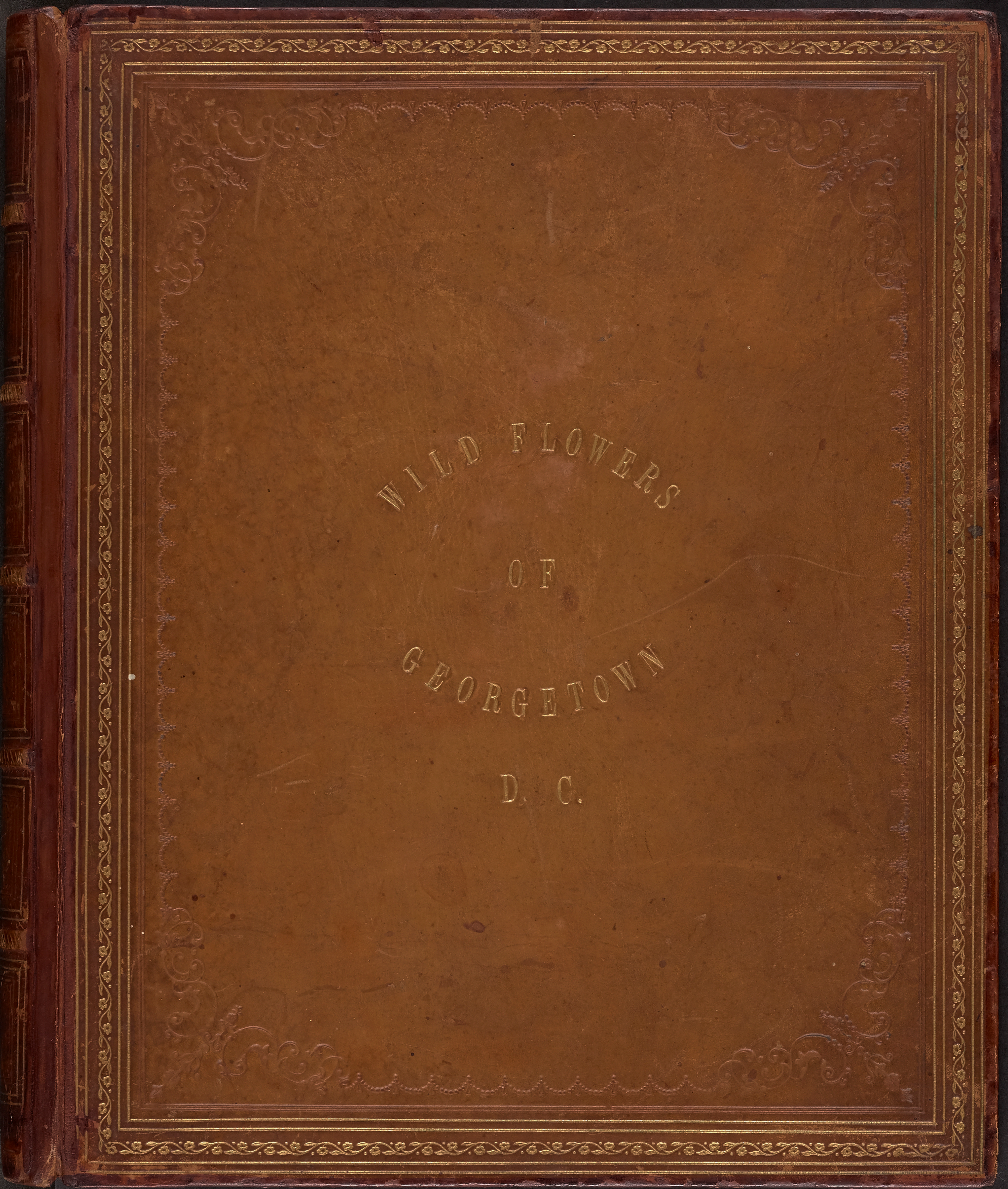

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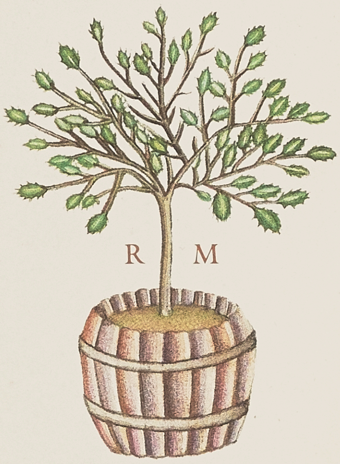

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Wild Flowers

of

Georgetown.

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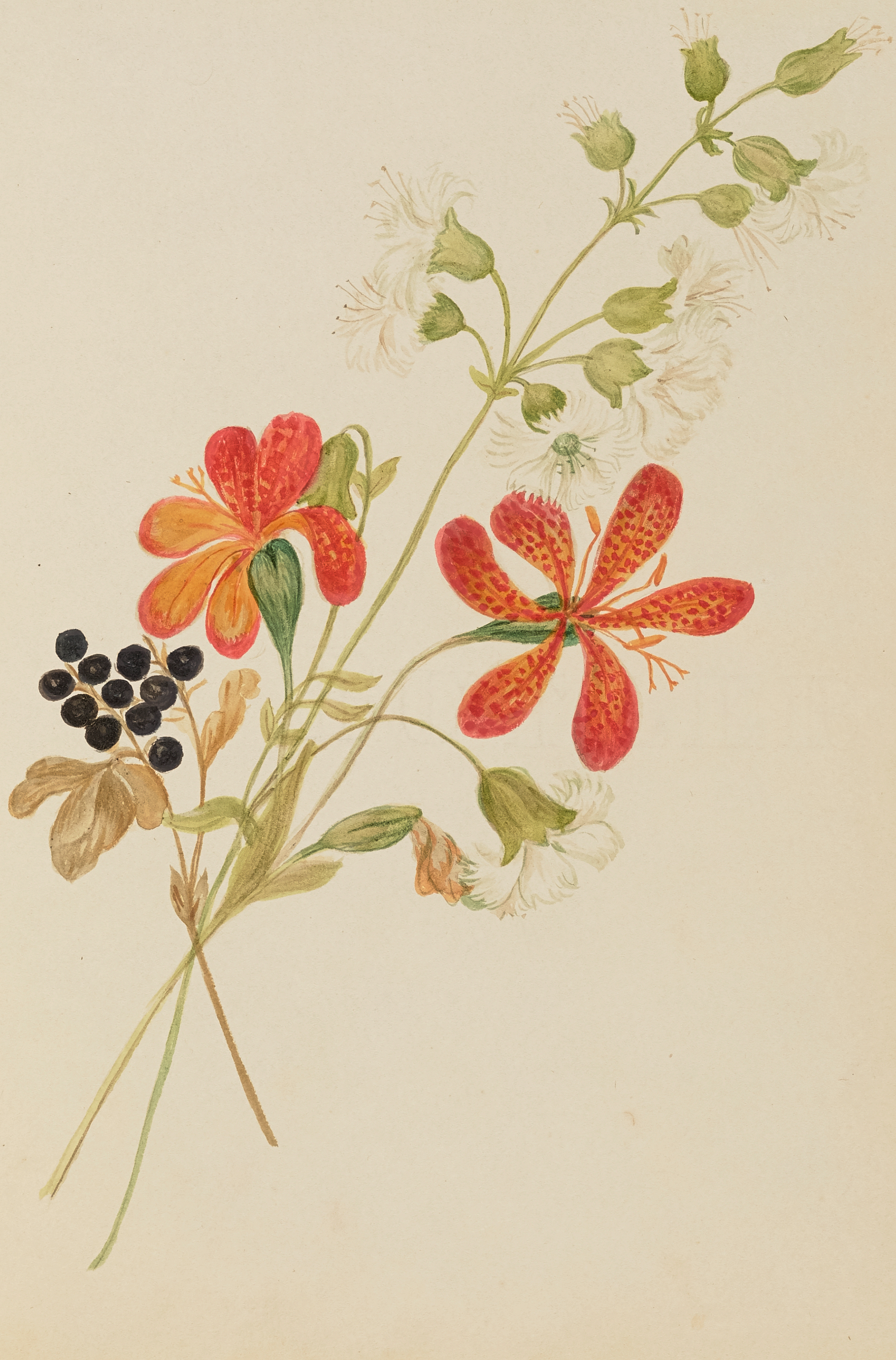
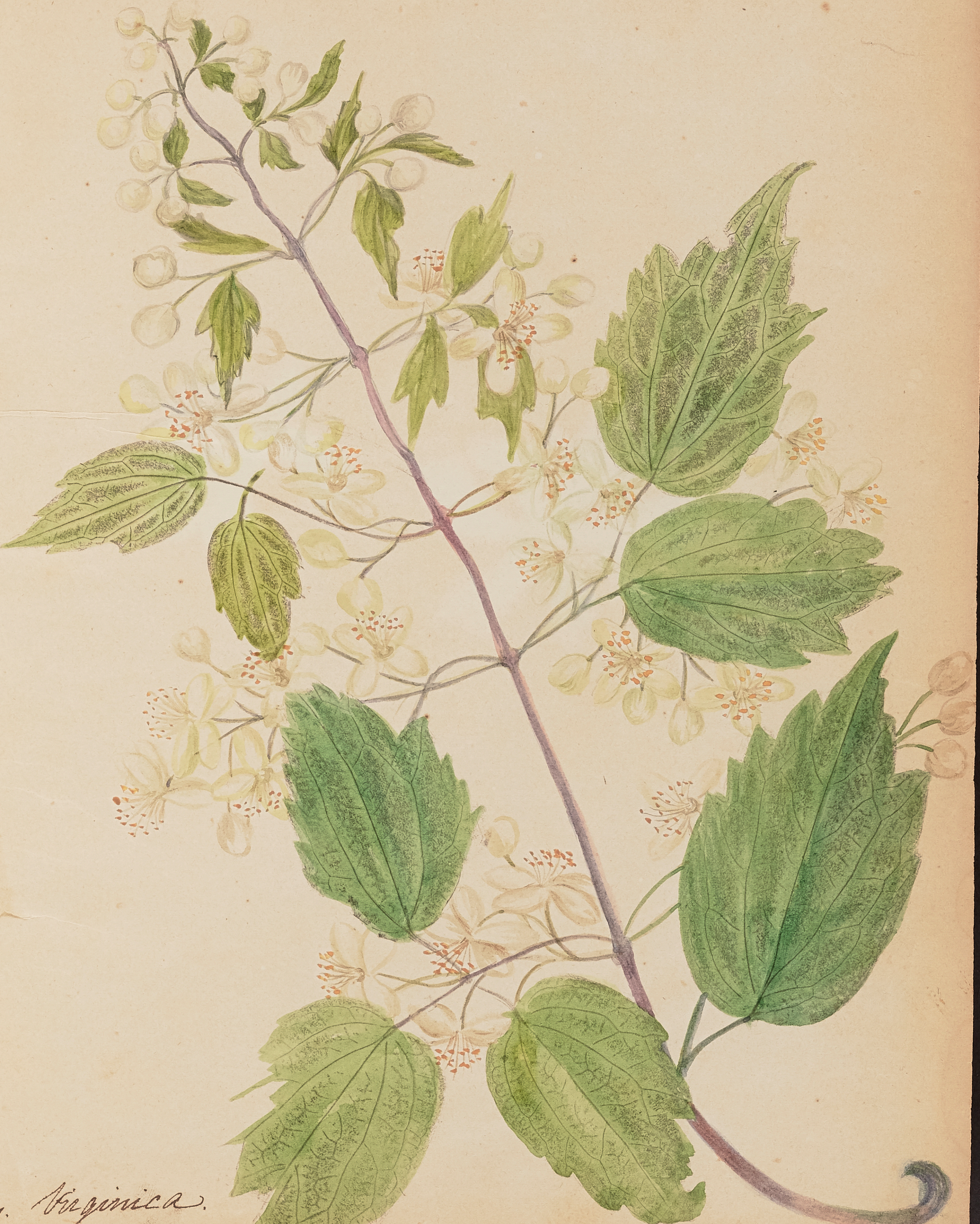
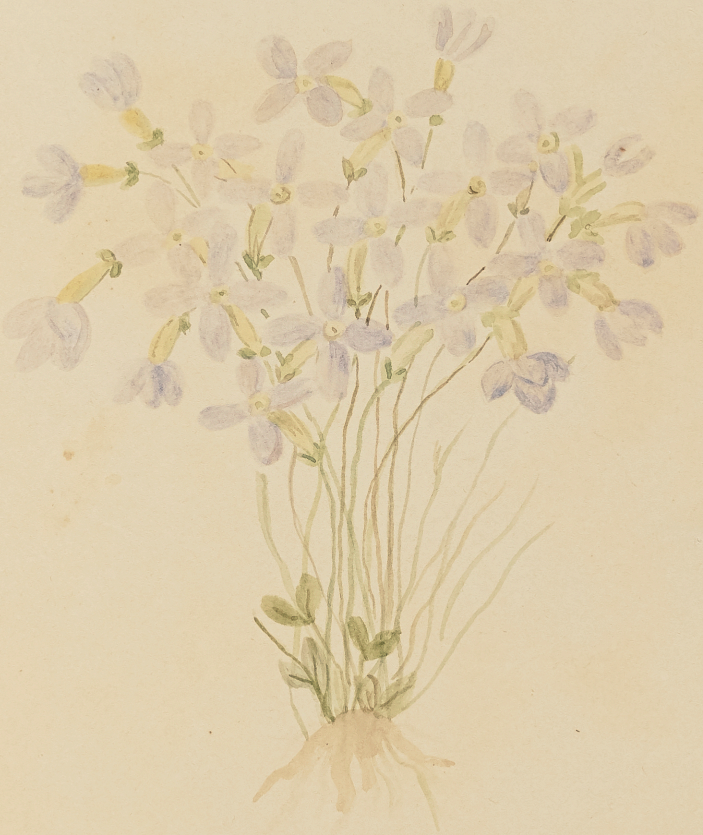


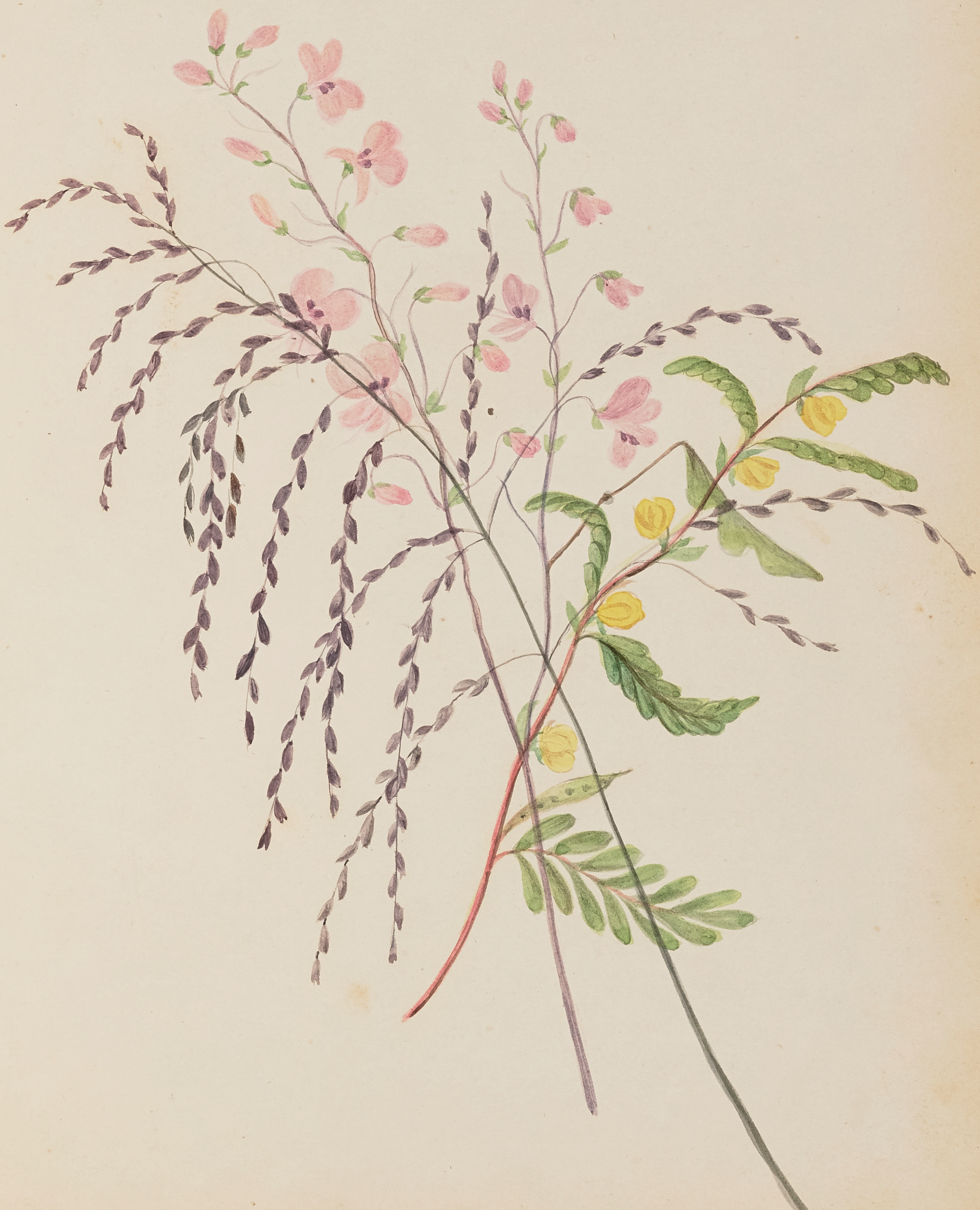
Black-berry Lily. Ragged Robin.

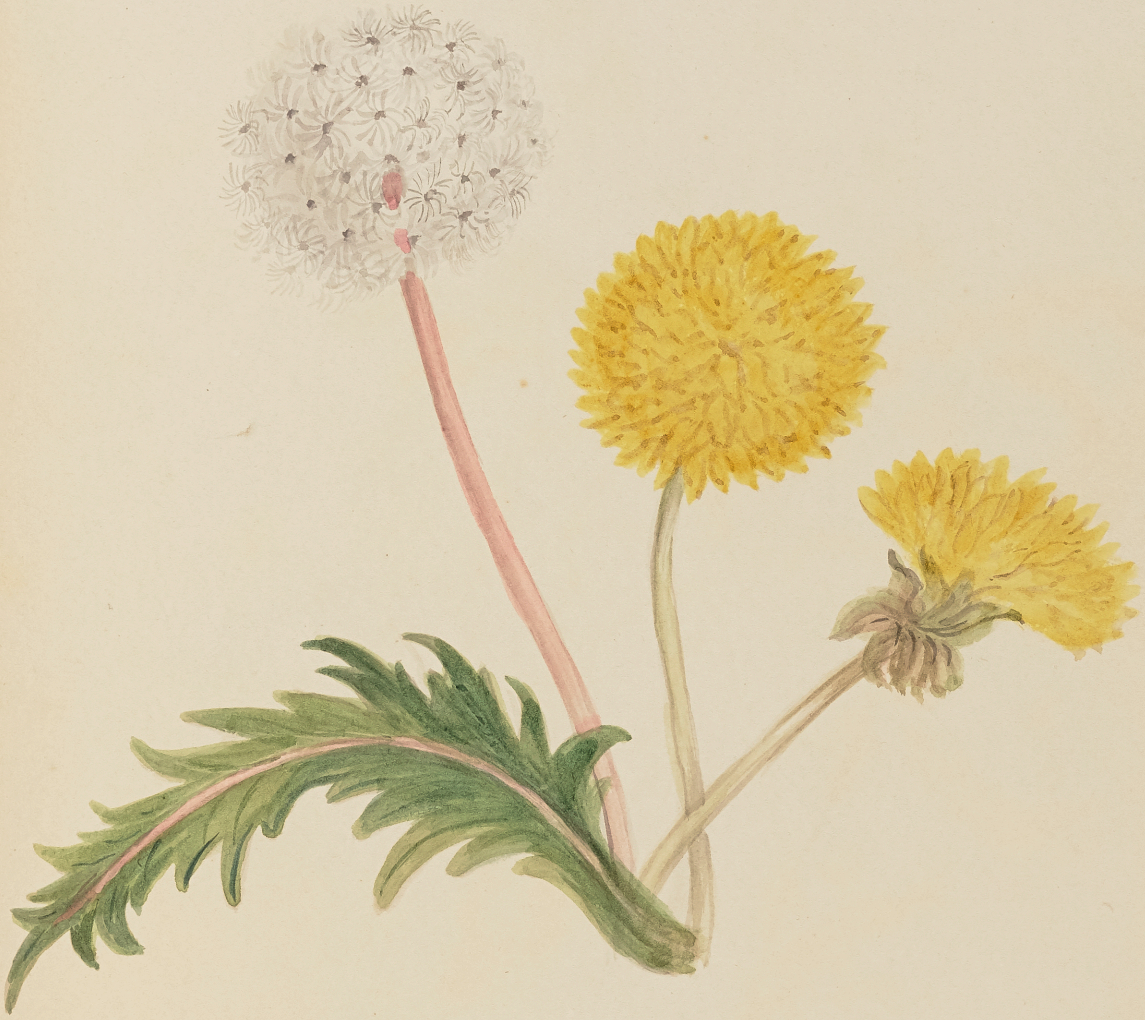


Clematis. Virginica.

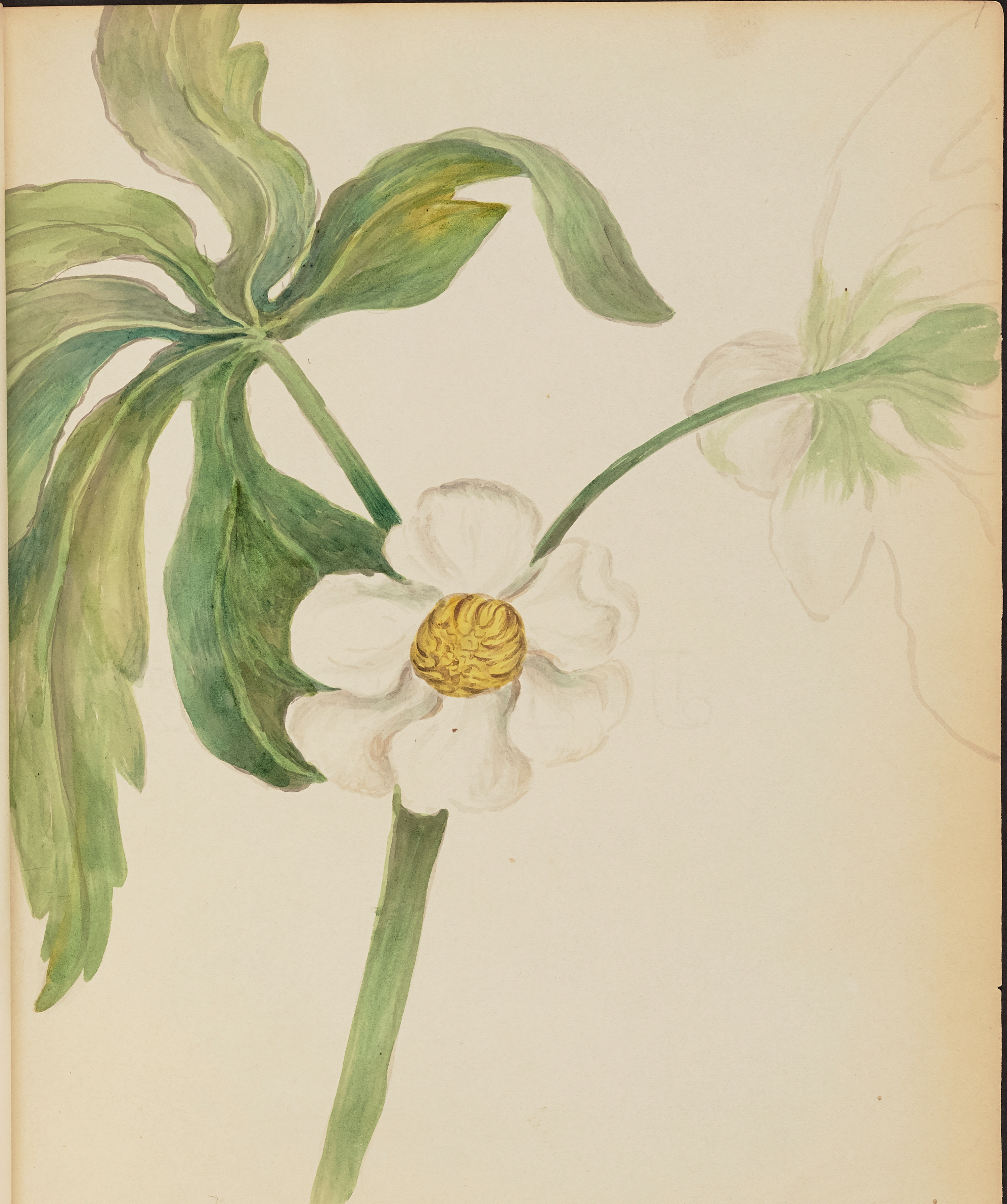


Houstonia - Venus's pride - Innocence.
Caerulea

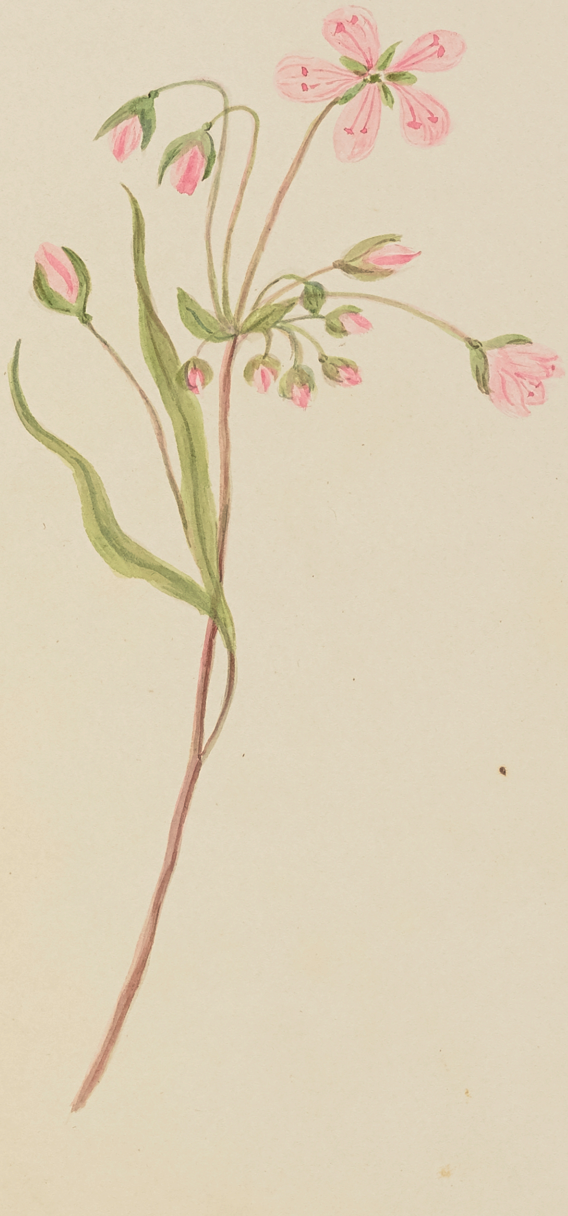




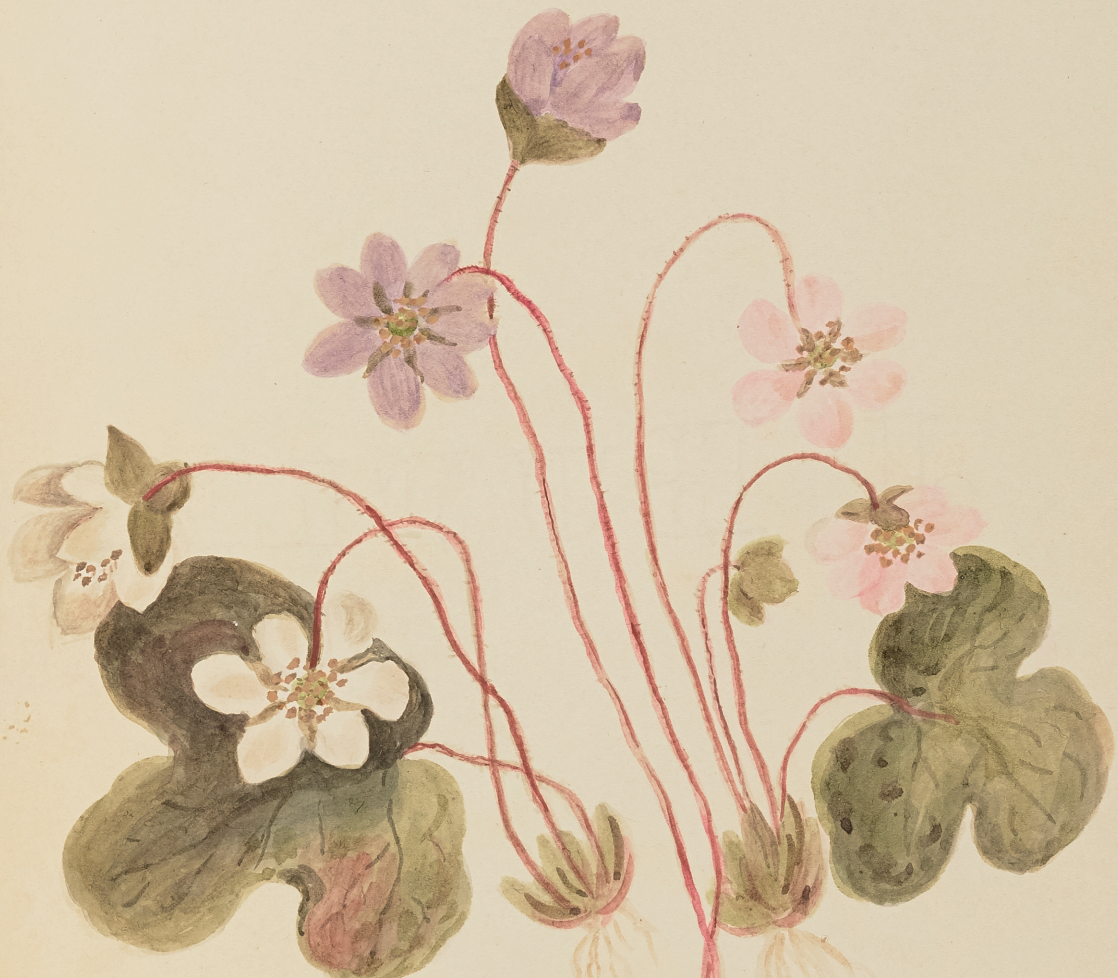
The Dandelion is spread over the whole face of the Globe. its flowers shut and open at certain hours; serving the Shepherd for a clock, while its feathery tufts, are his Barometer, predicting calm or storm.



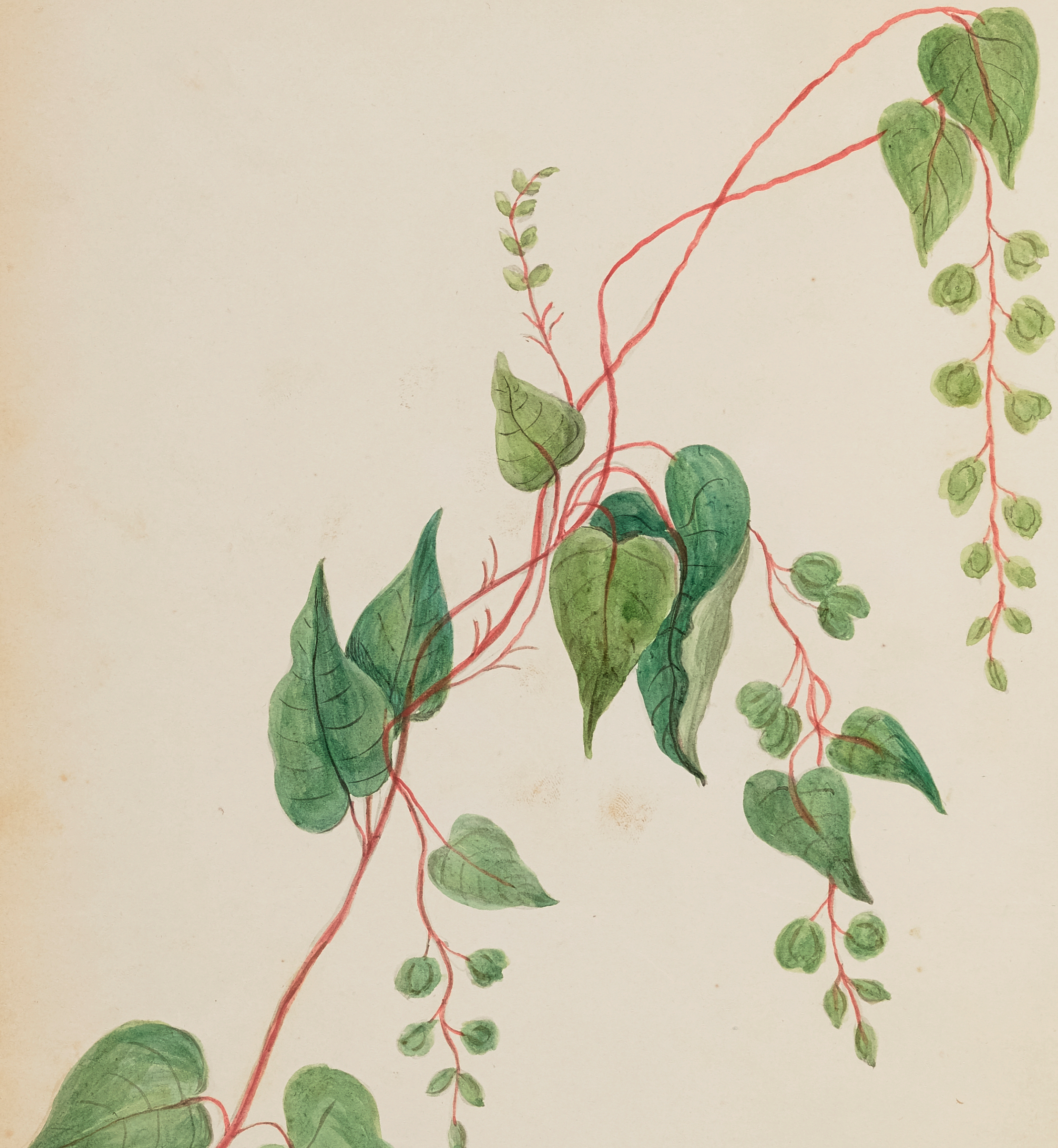
Podophyllum peltatum.
May apple.

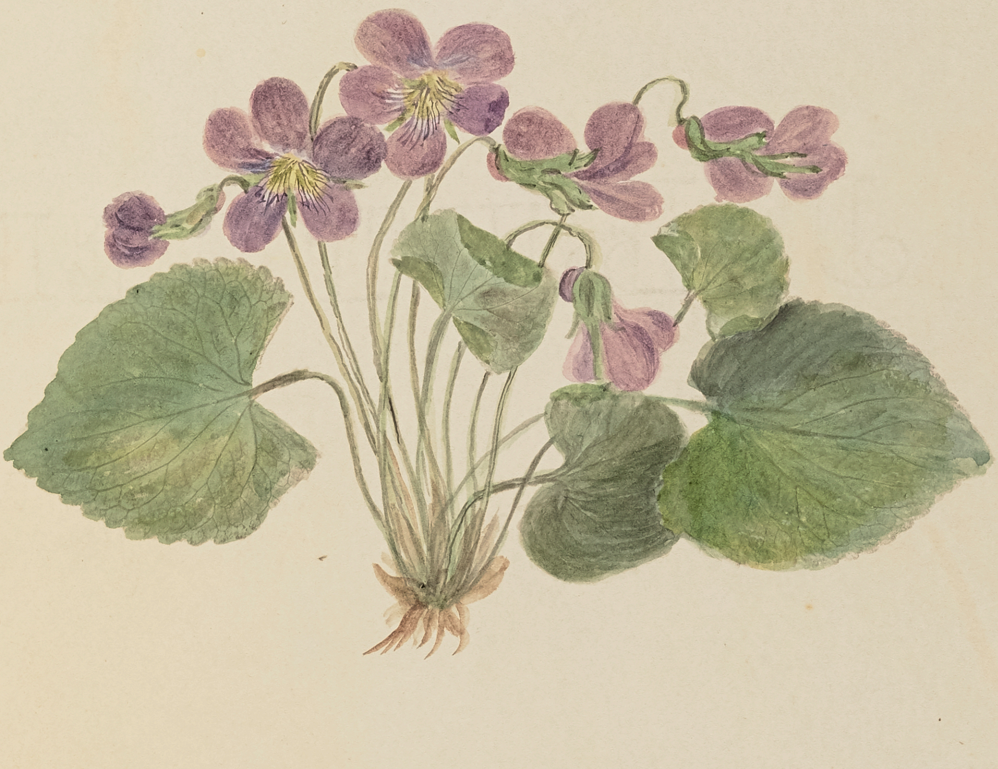


Claytonia. Spring beauty.

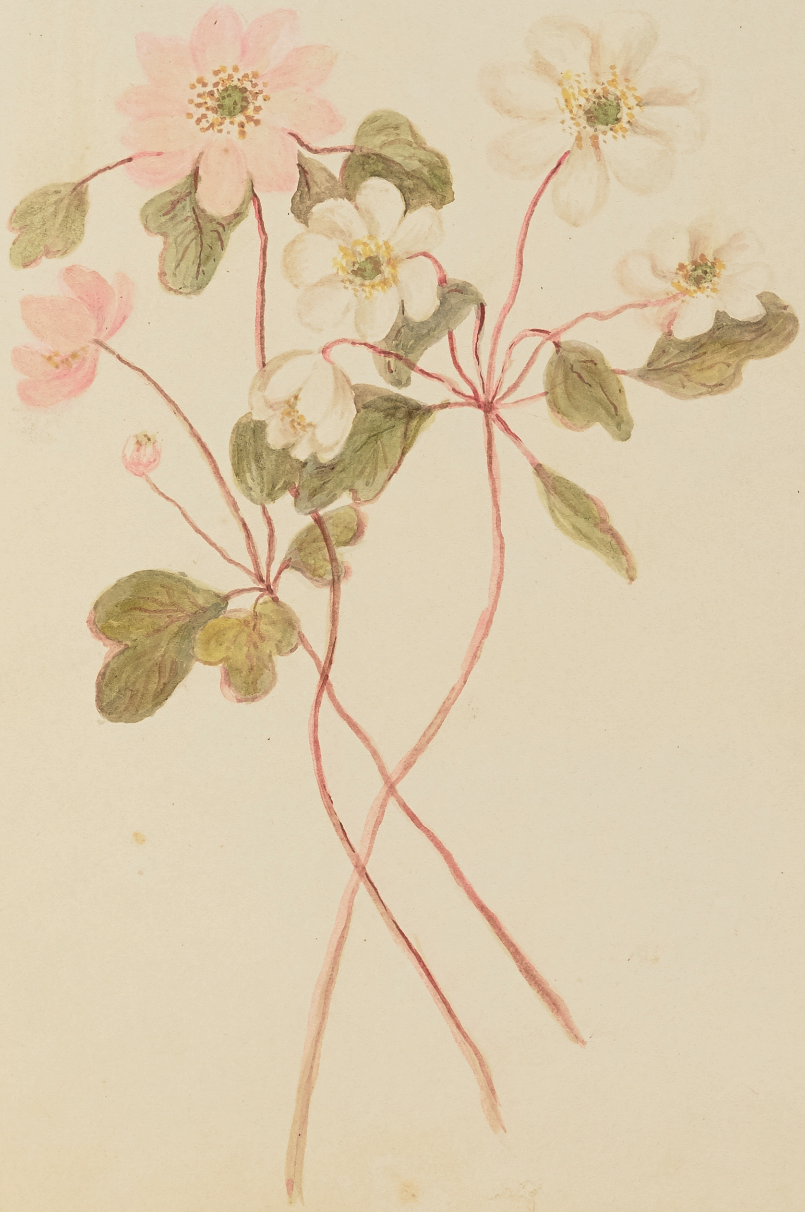


Anemone Hepatica.
Liverwort.

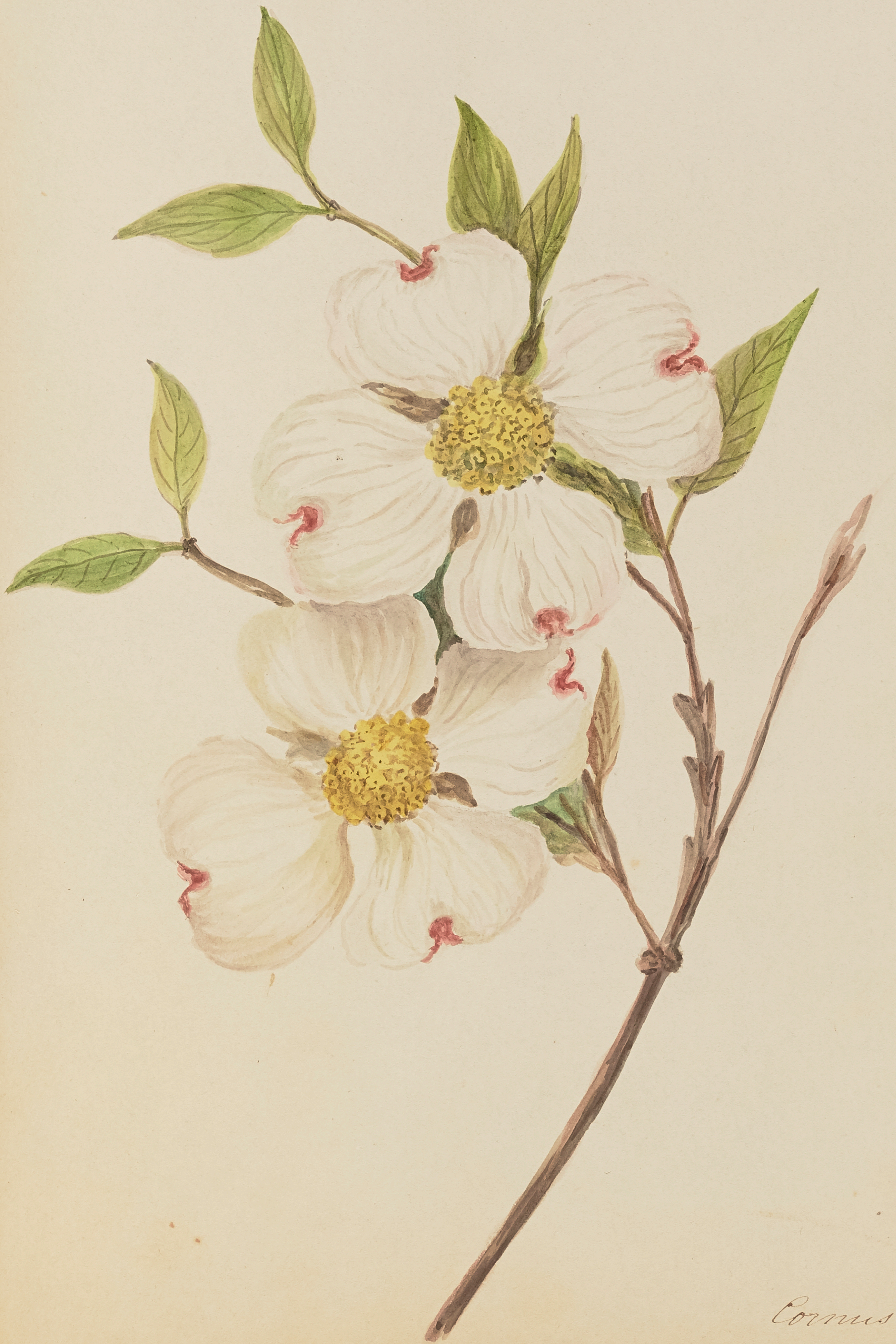




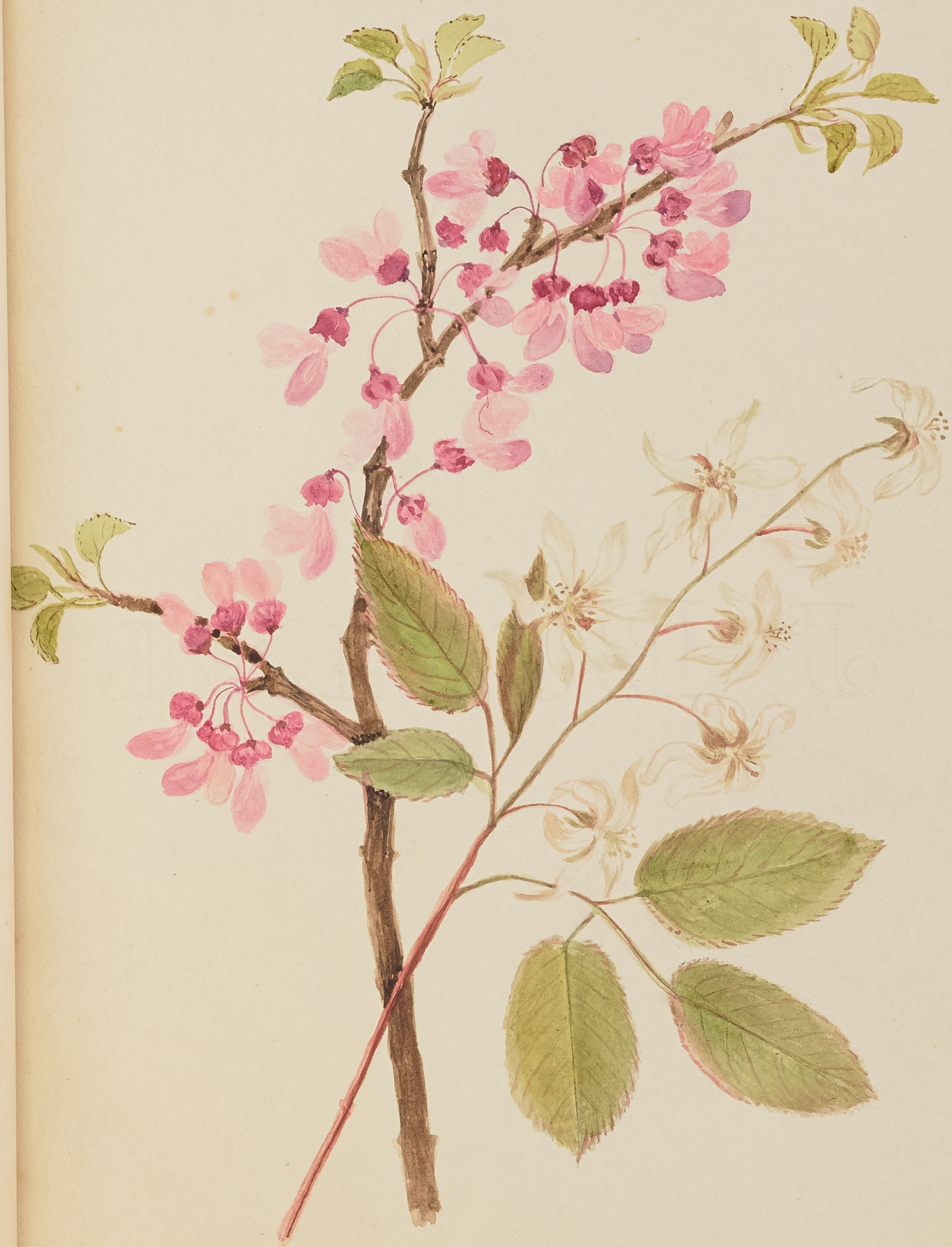
Wild violets.



Anemone nemorosa
Wind-flower

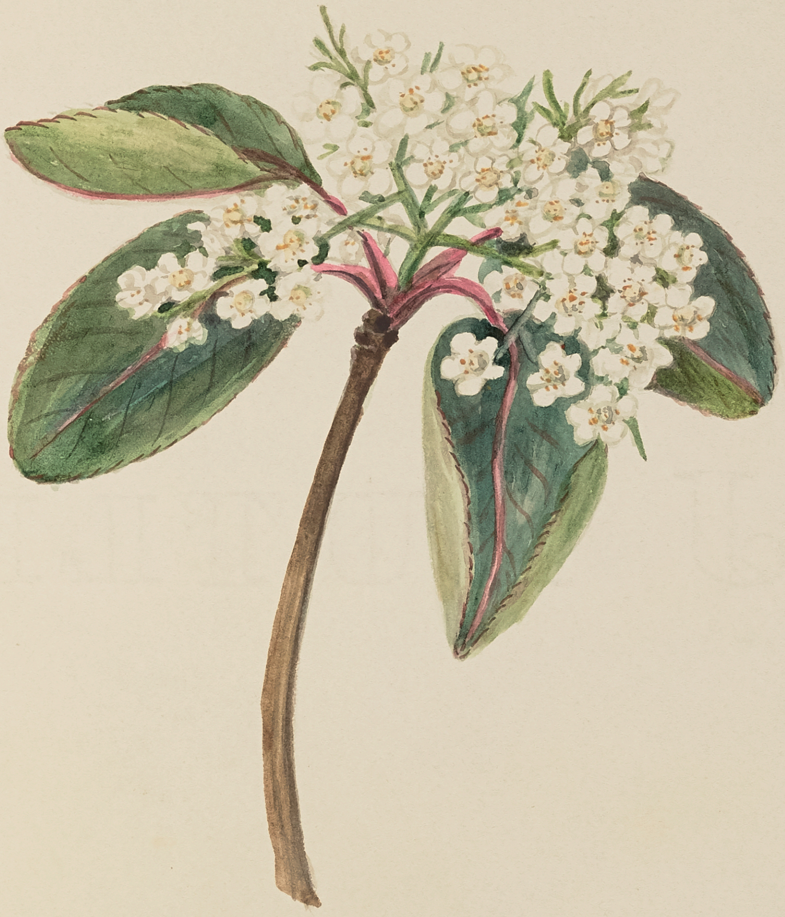


Cornus Florida.
Dogwood.

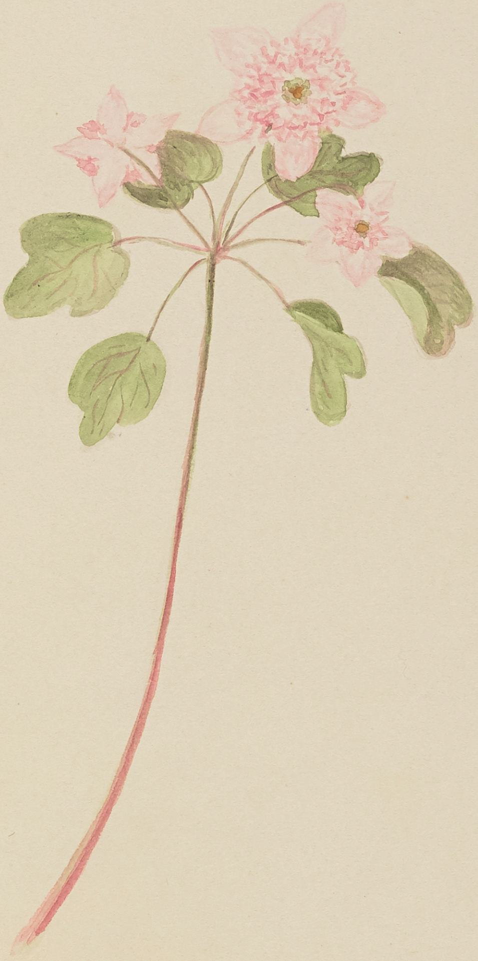


cis. Leguminosa.
udas. Tree.

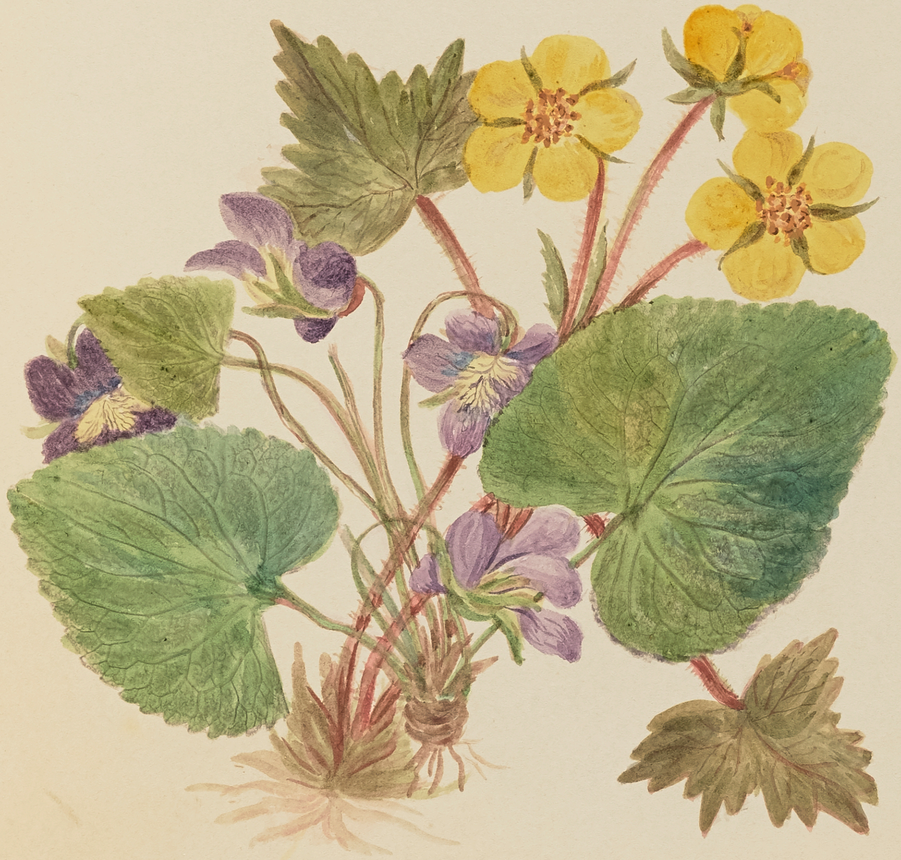
Amelanchier.
Service Tree.



Viburnum lentago.
Black Haw. Sheep berry.

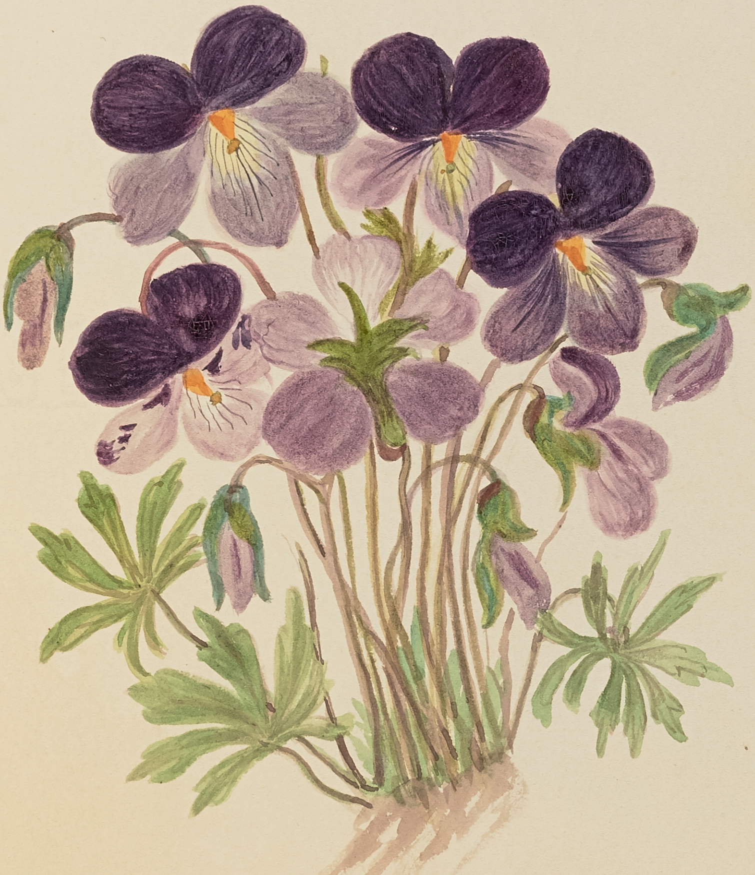


Anemone virginiana.



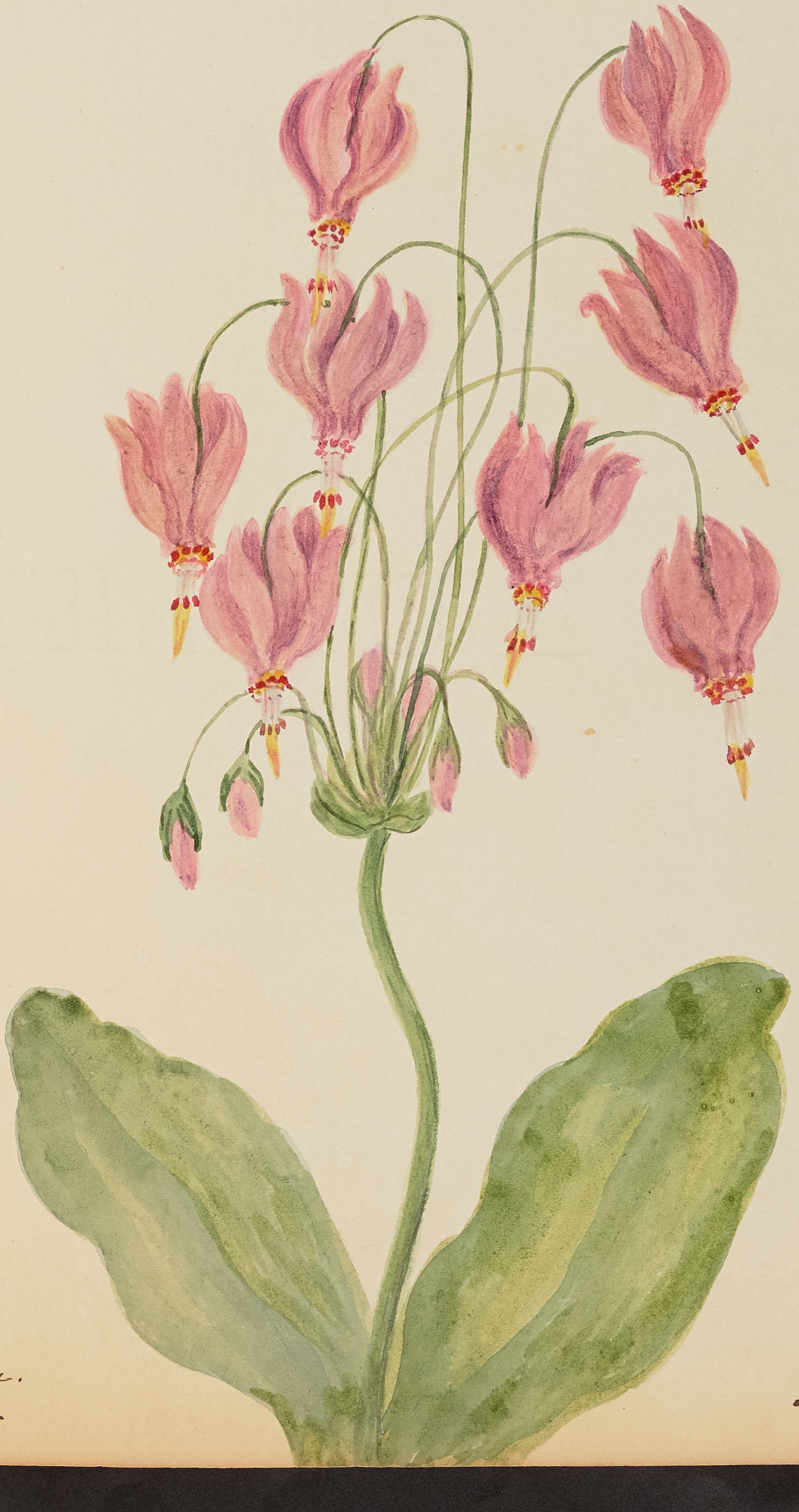
la. Sagittata

Ranunculus acris.
Crowfoot. Buttercups.



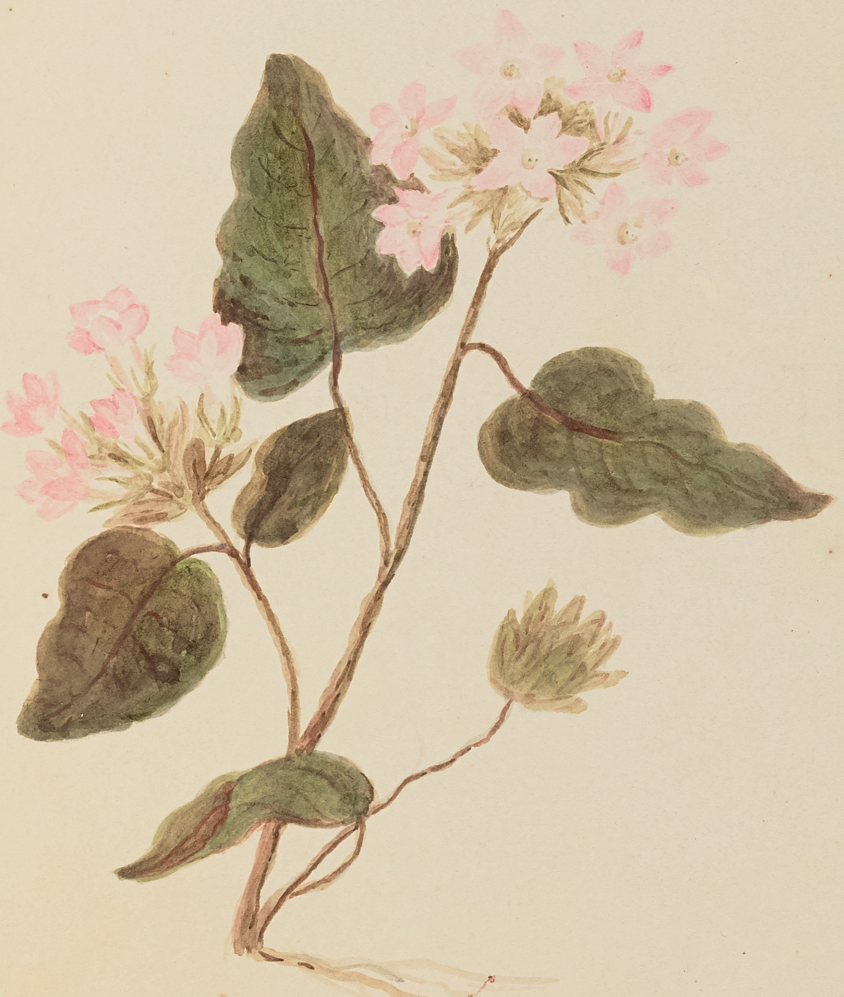
maidens call it,
e in Idleneſs" –
Shakespeare.

Wild Hearts-ease –

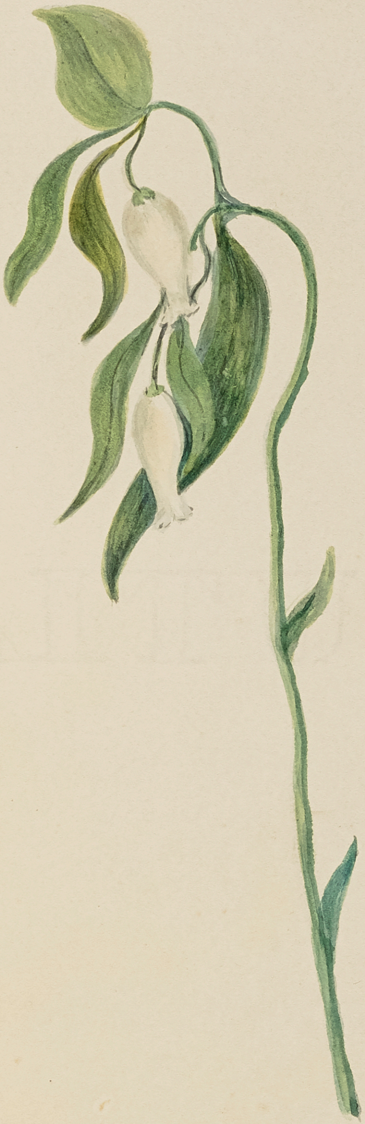


decatheon.
Meadia.

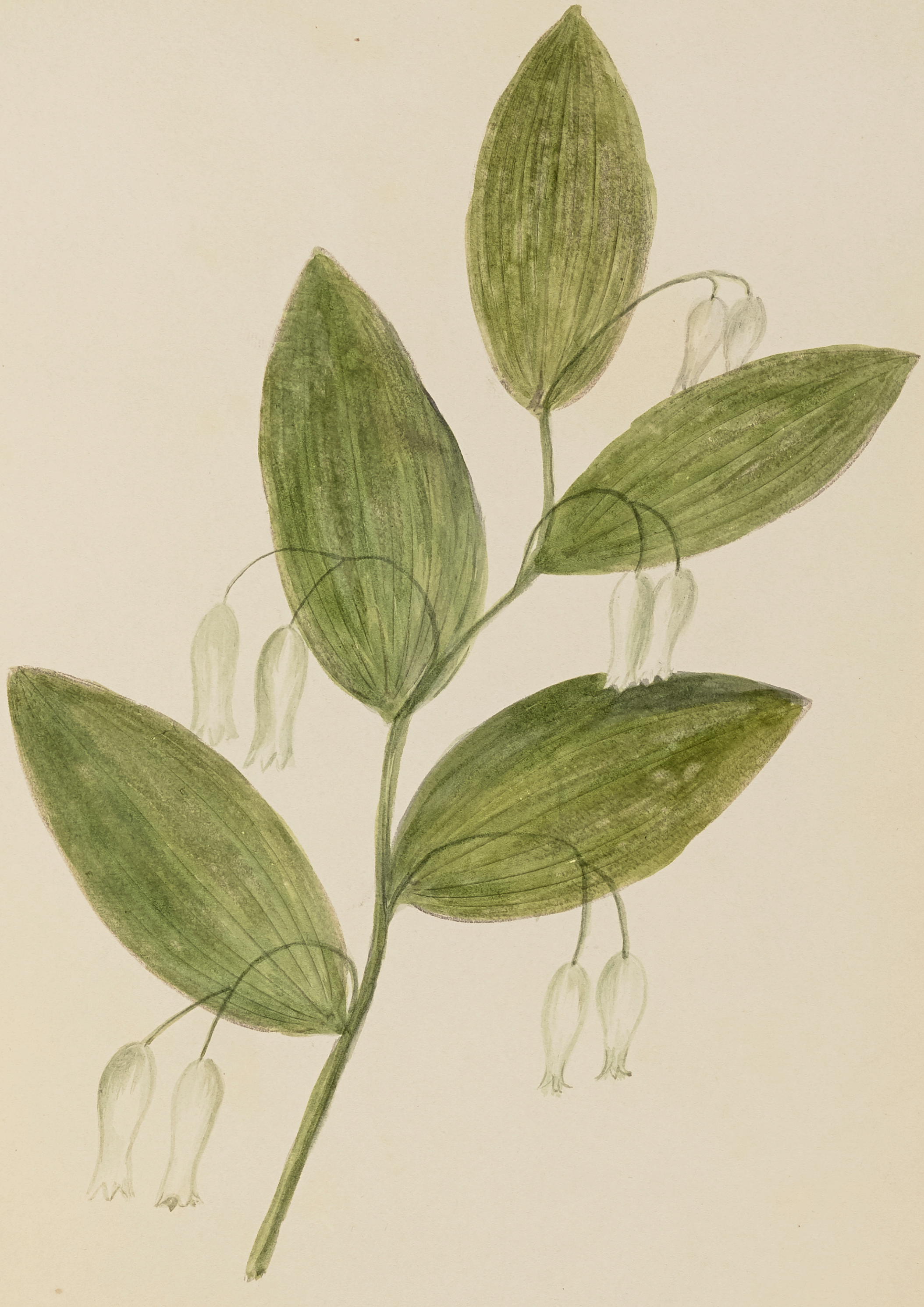
American Cowslip.



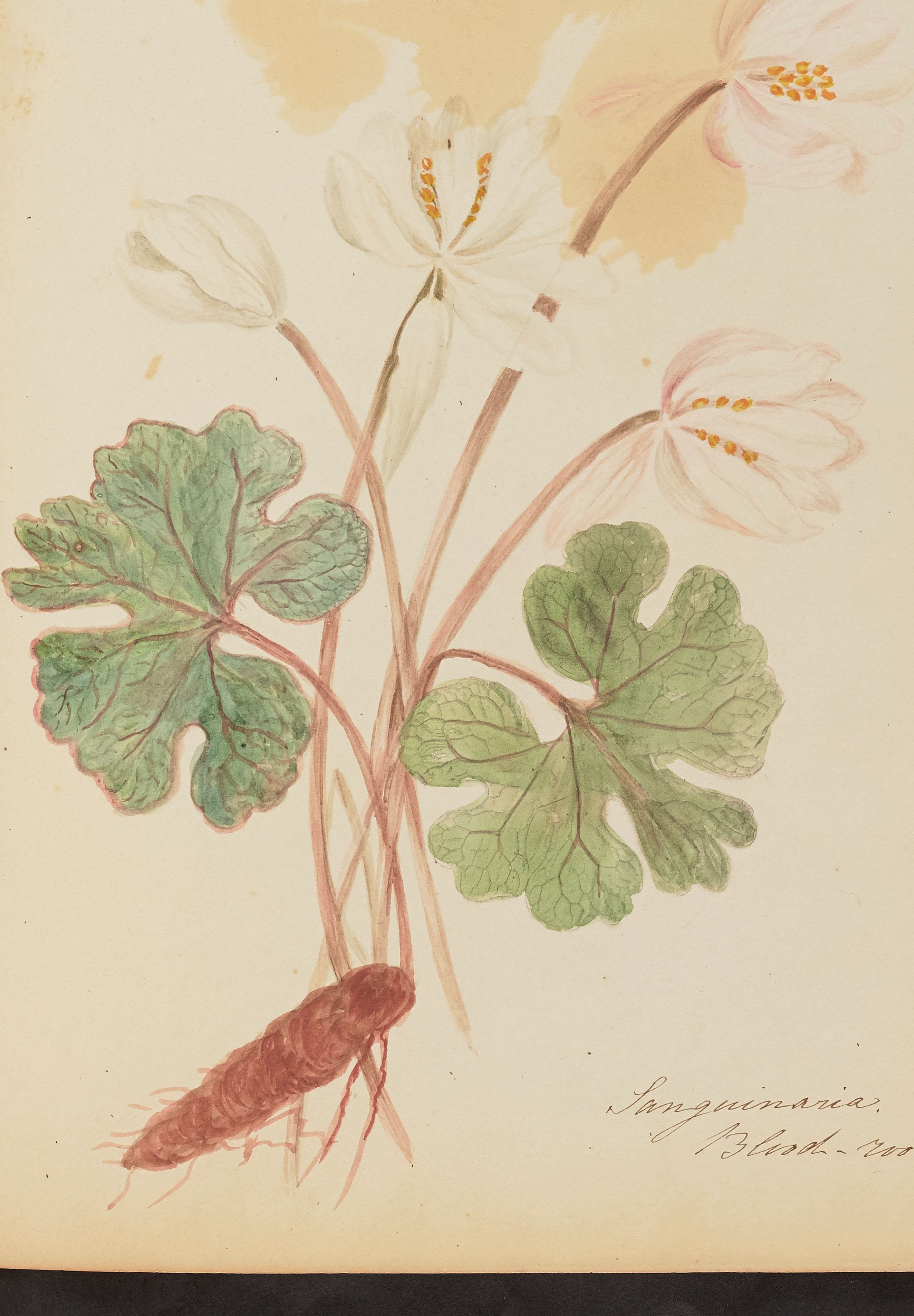
Epigea repens-
Trailing Arbutis.



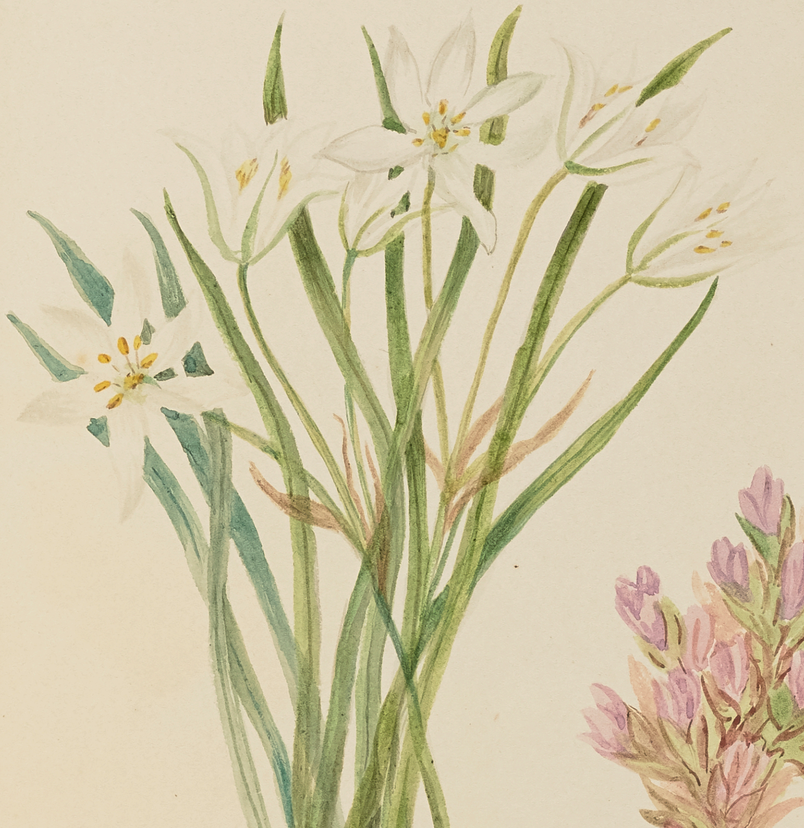
nvallaria. Stellata.
Solomons Seal.



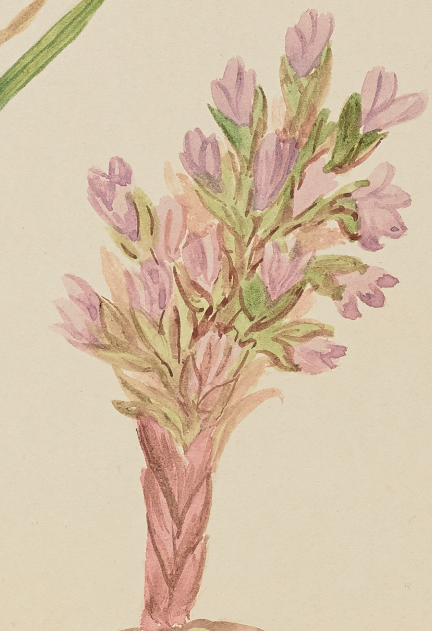
Convallaria Smilacina
racemosa - Solomons Seal.



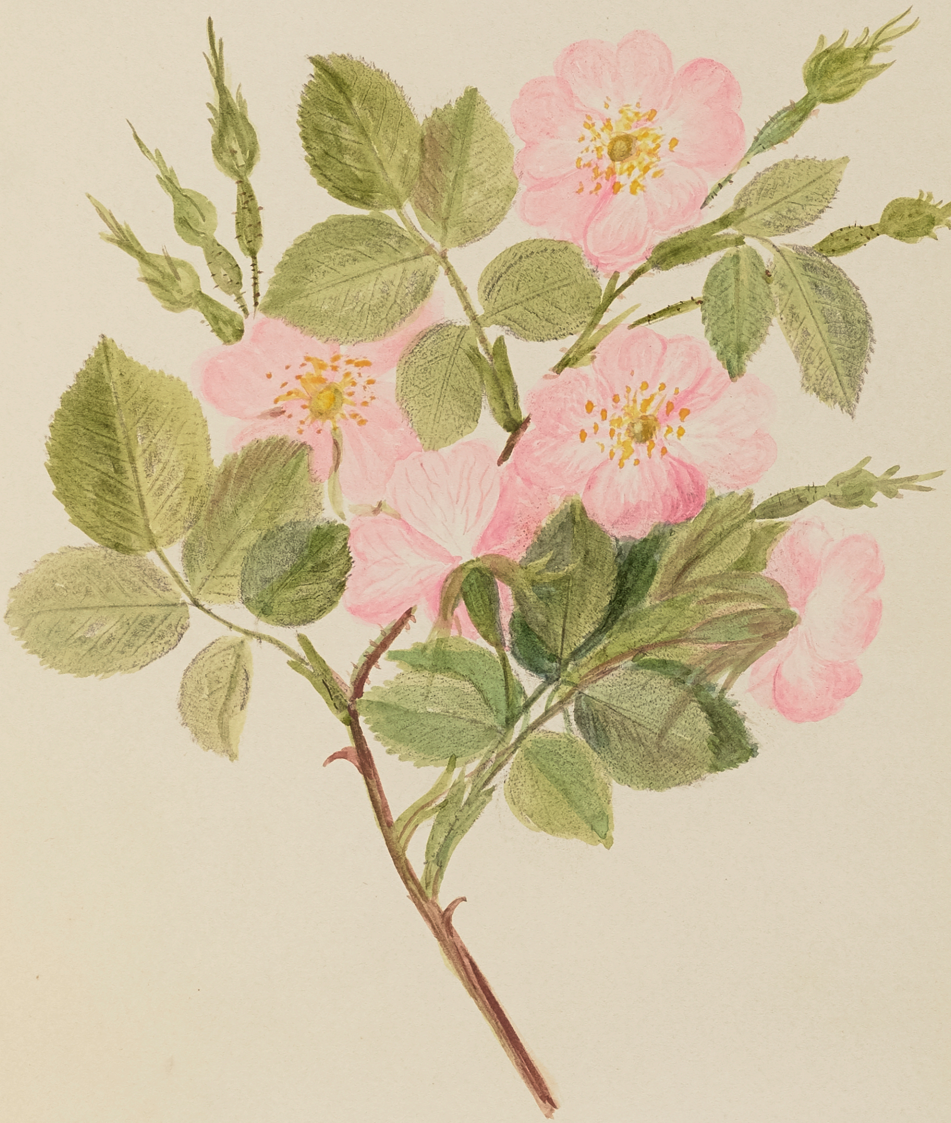
Sanguinaria.
Blood-root.



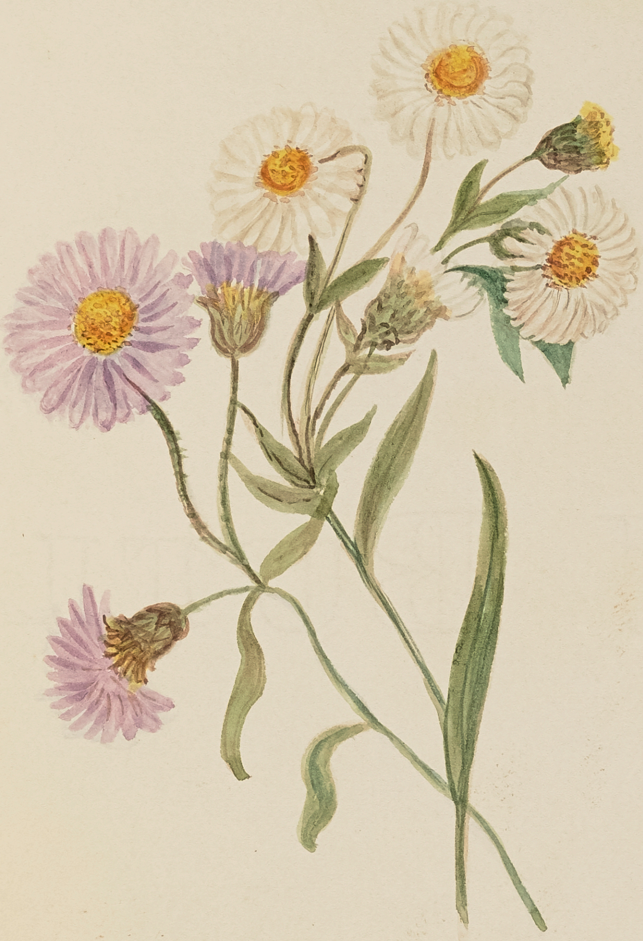
ithogalum. umbellatum.
Star of Bethlehem.



Obolaria virginica
Penny-wort.



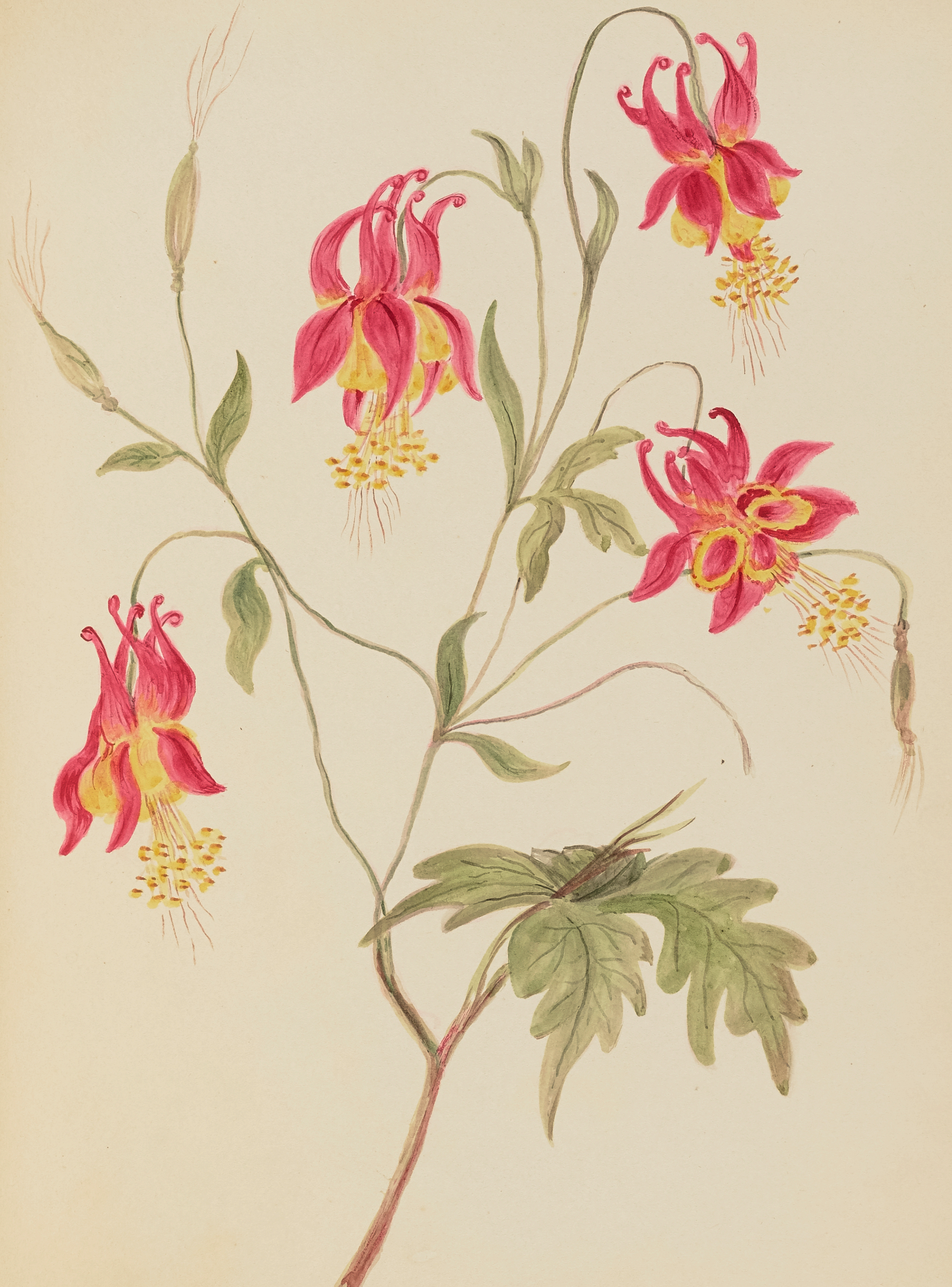
Sweet briar.
Eglantine.



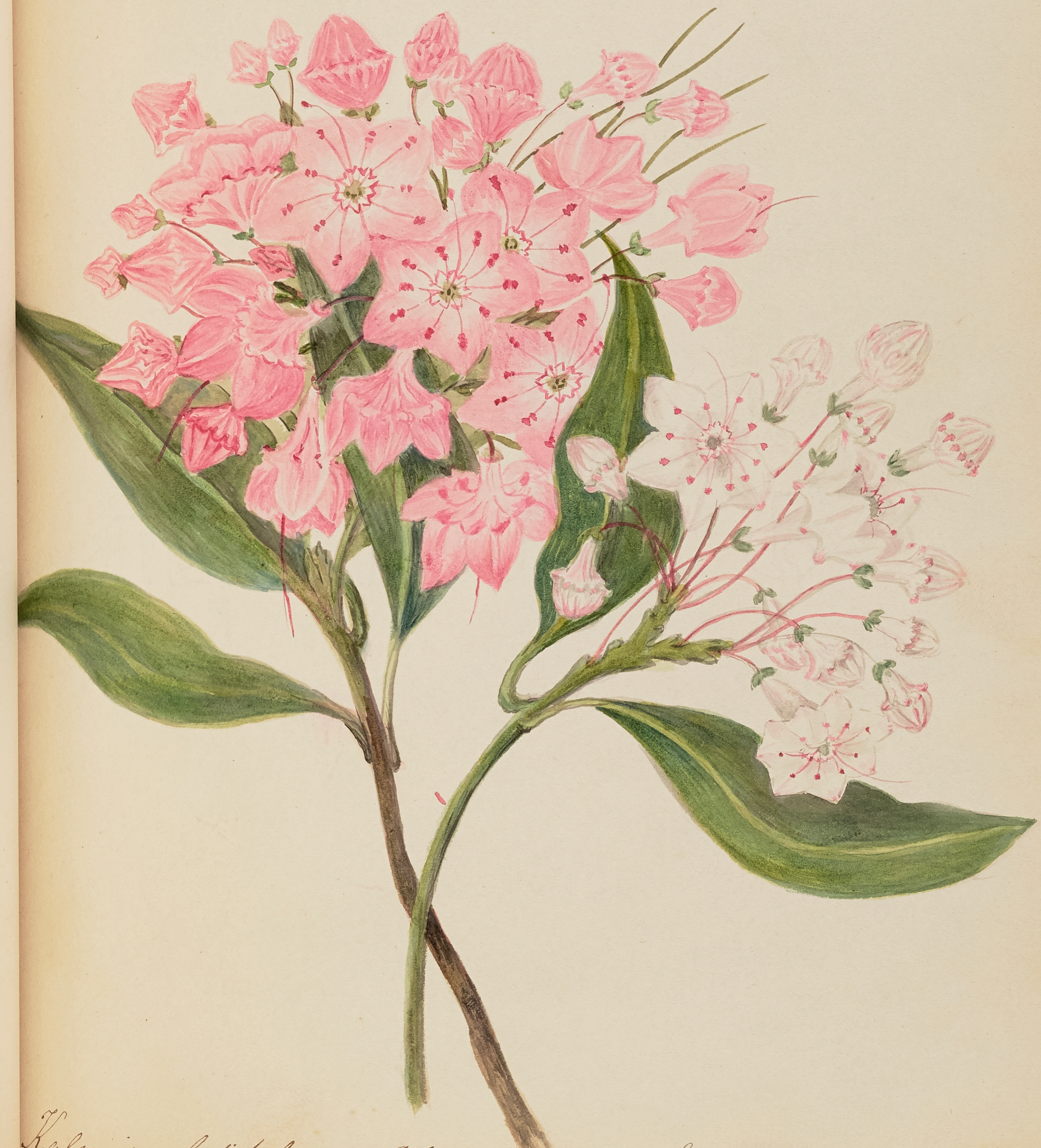
who but He who arch'd the skies,
pours the day-springs living flood,
rous alike in all he tries,
raise the Daisy's purple bud.

"Mould its green cup, its wiry stem,
Its fringed border nicely spin,
And cut the gold-embossed gem,
that set in silver gleams within"

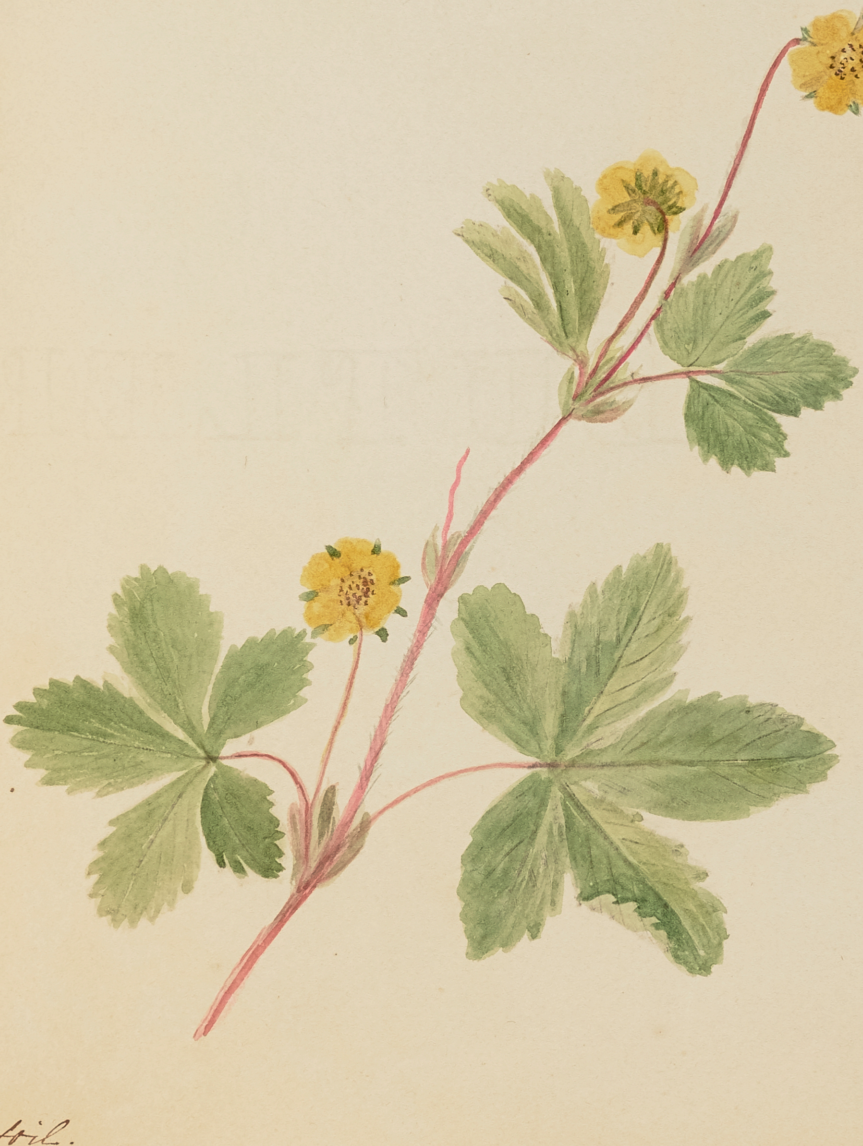
Mason Good.



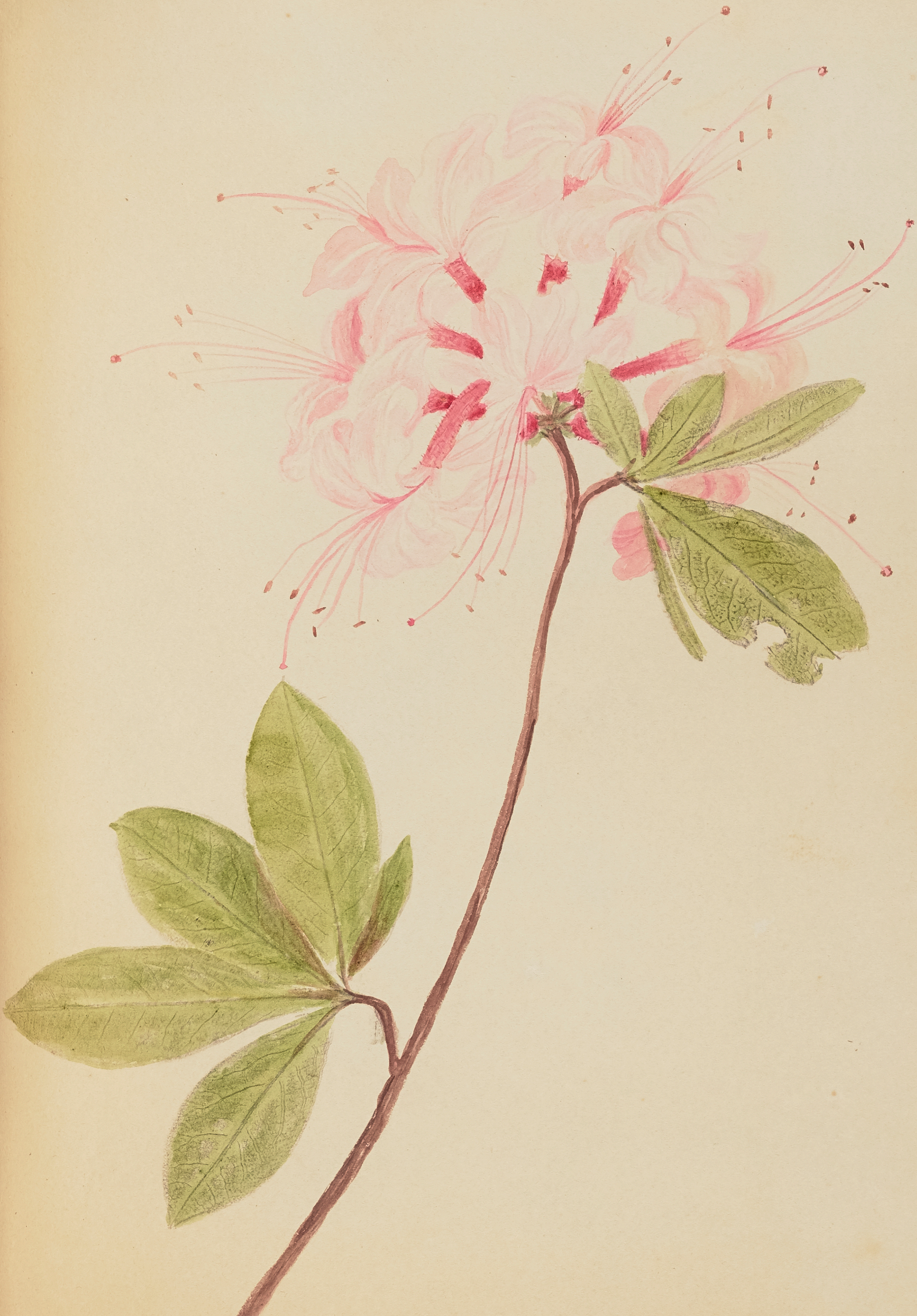
Aquilegia. Columbine.



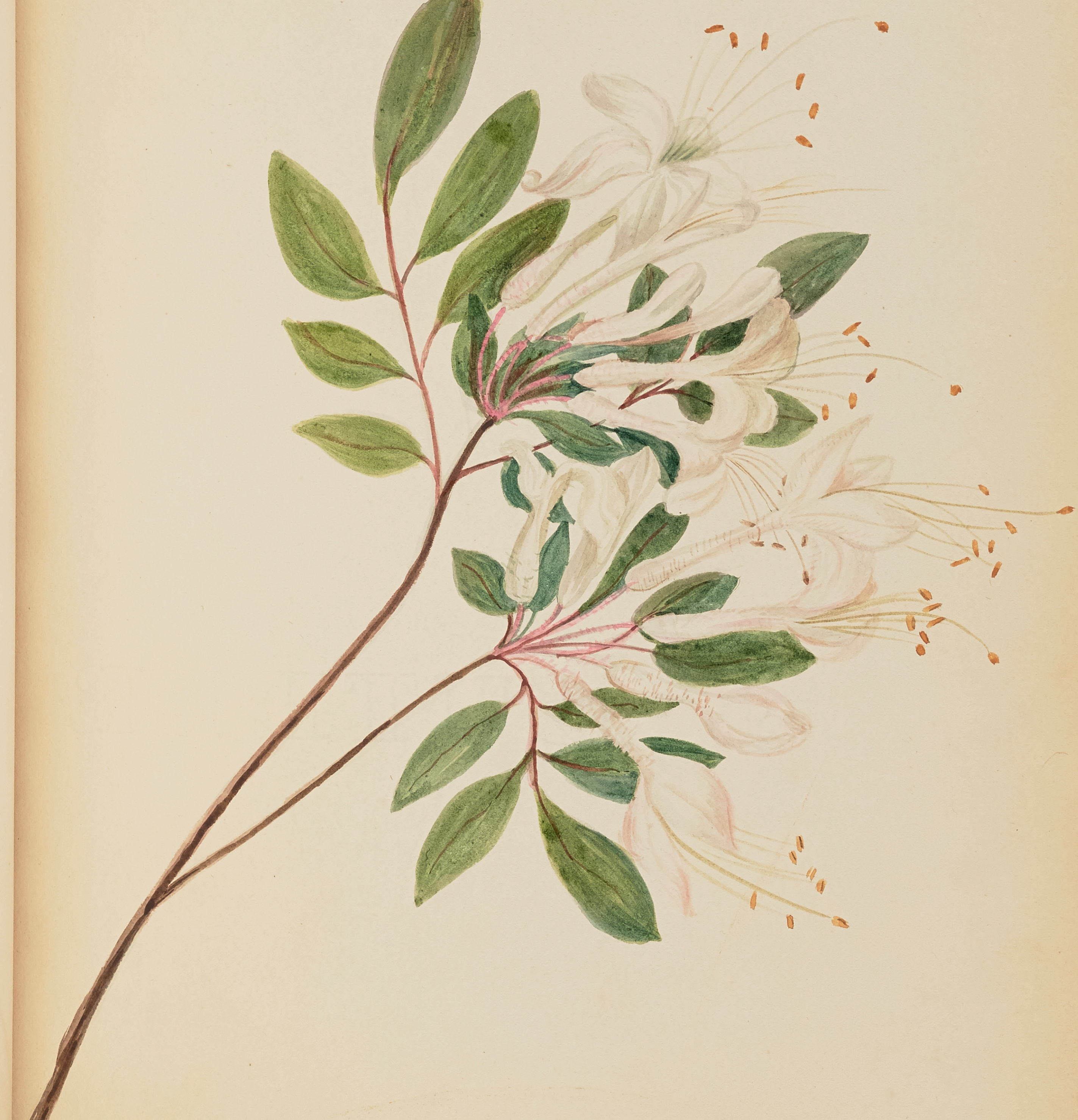
Kalmia, latifolia Rhododendra. Laurel.
(in honor of its discoverer, Kalm.



Cinque-foil.

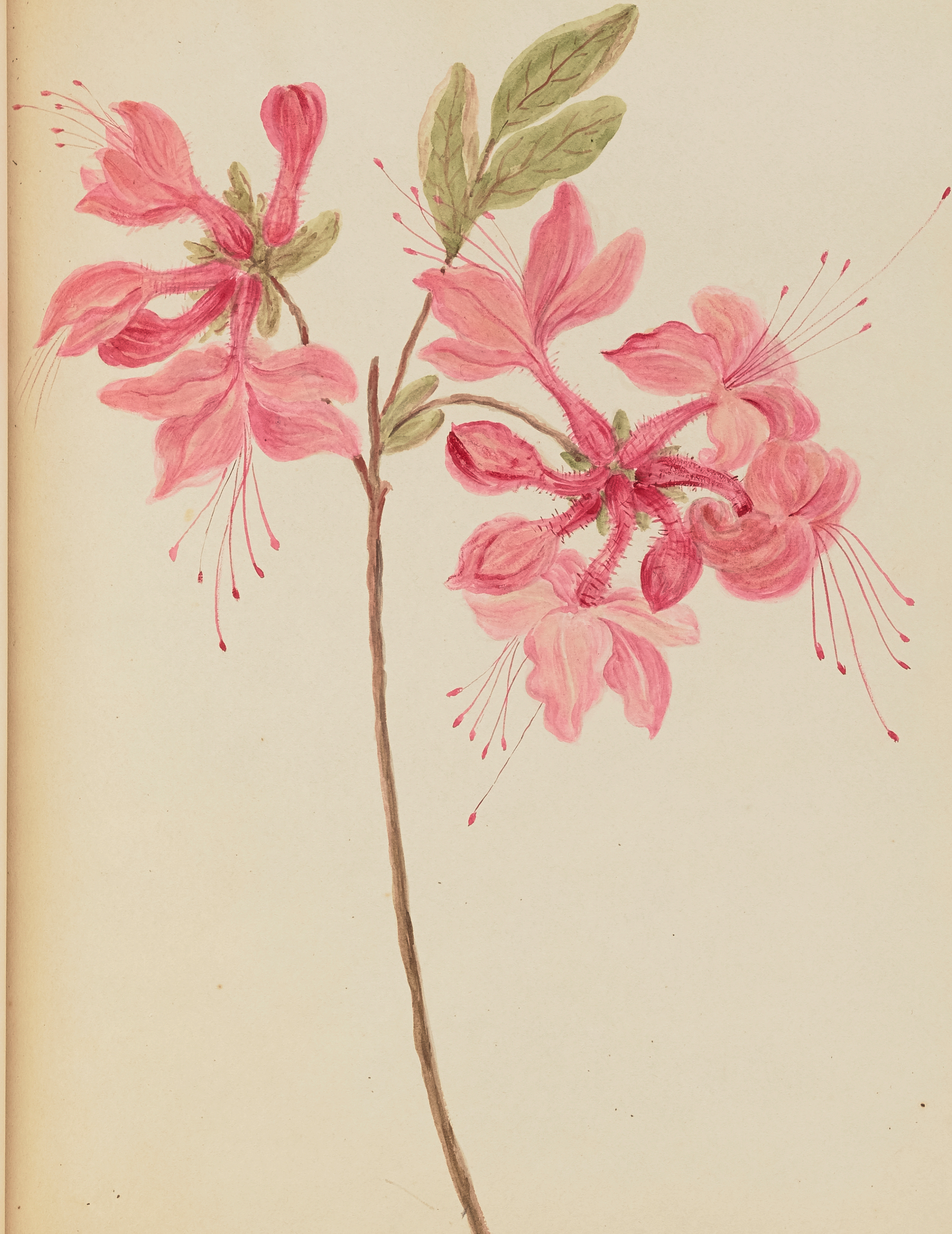


Azalea early honeysuckle
nudiflora.

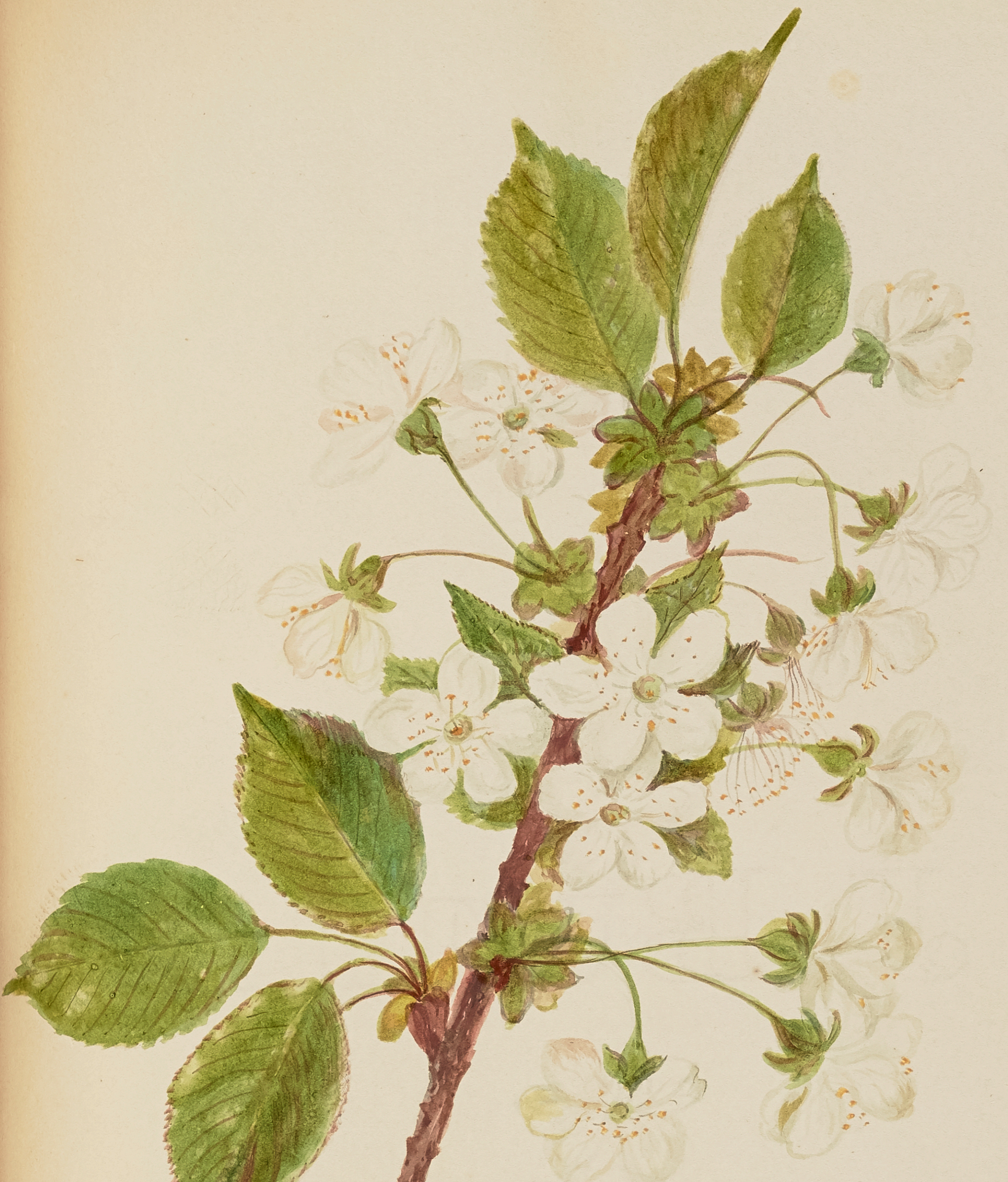


Rhodendron viscosa

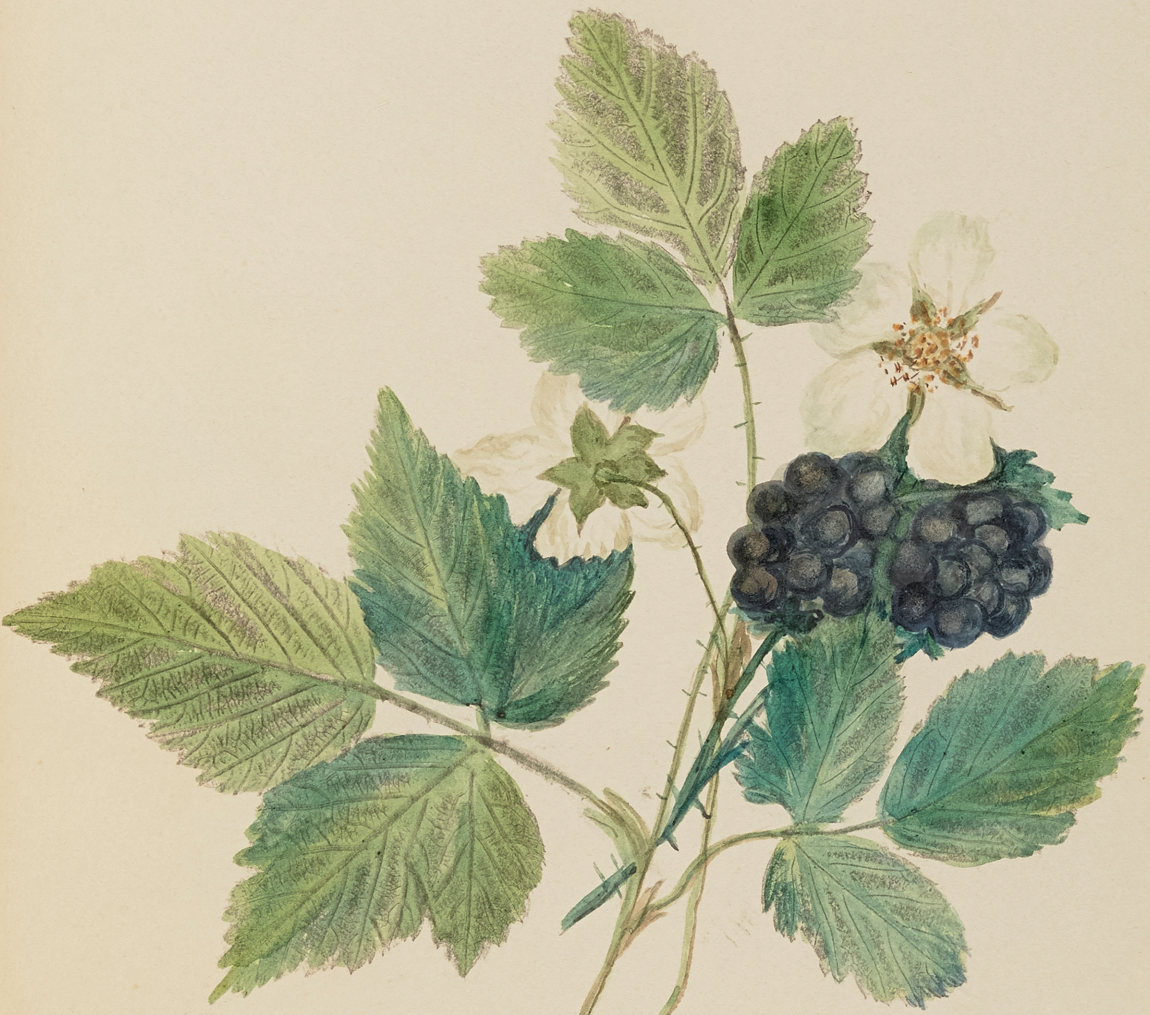
Swamp-honeysuckle



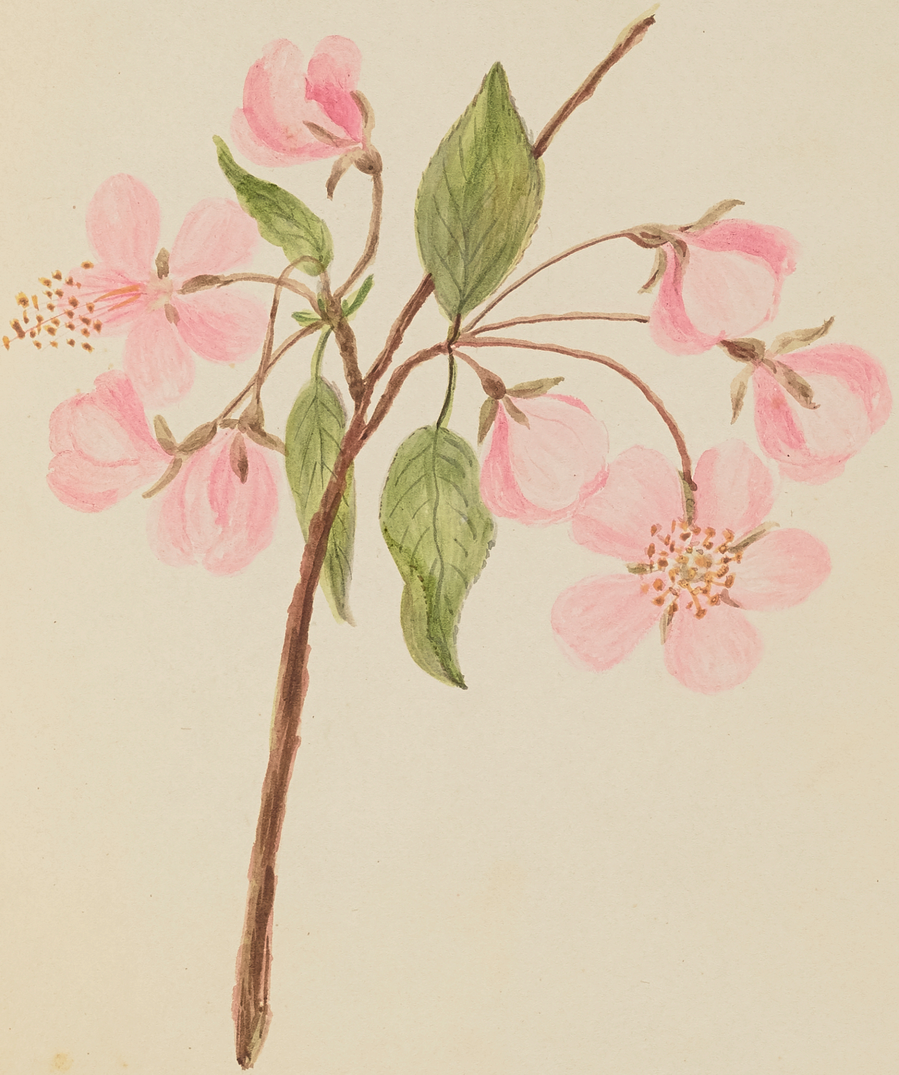
Azalea nudiflora.
Wild honeysuckle



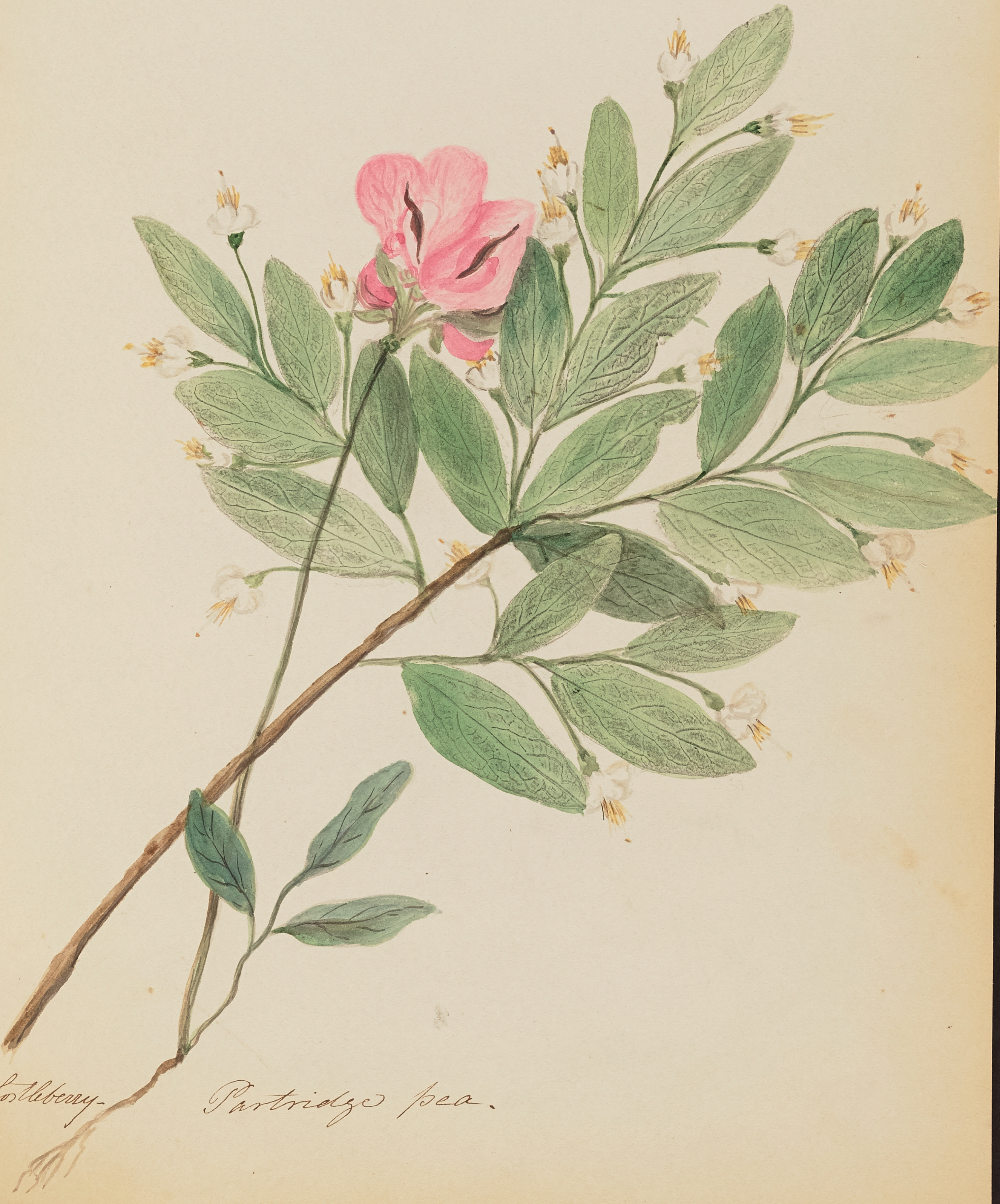
Cherry bloſsom.



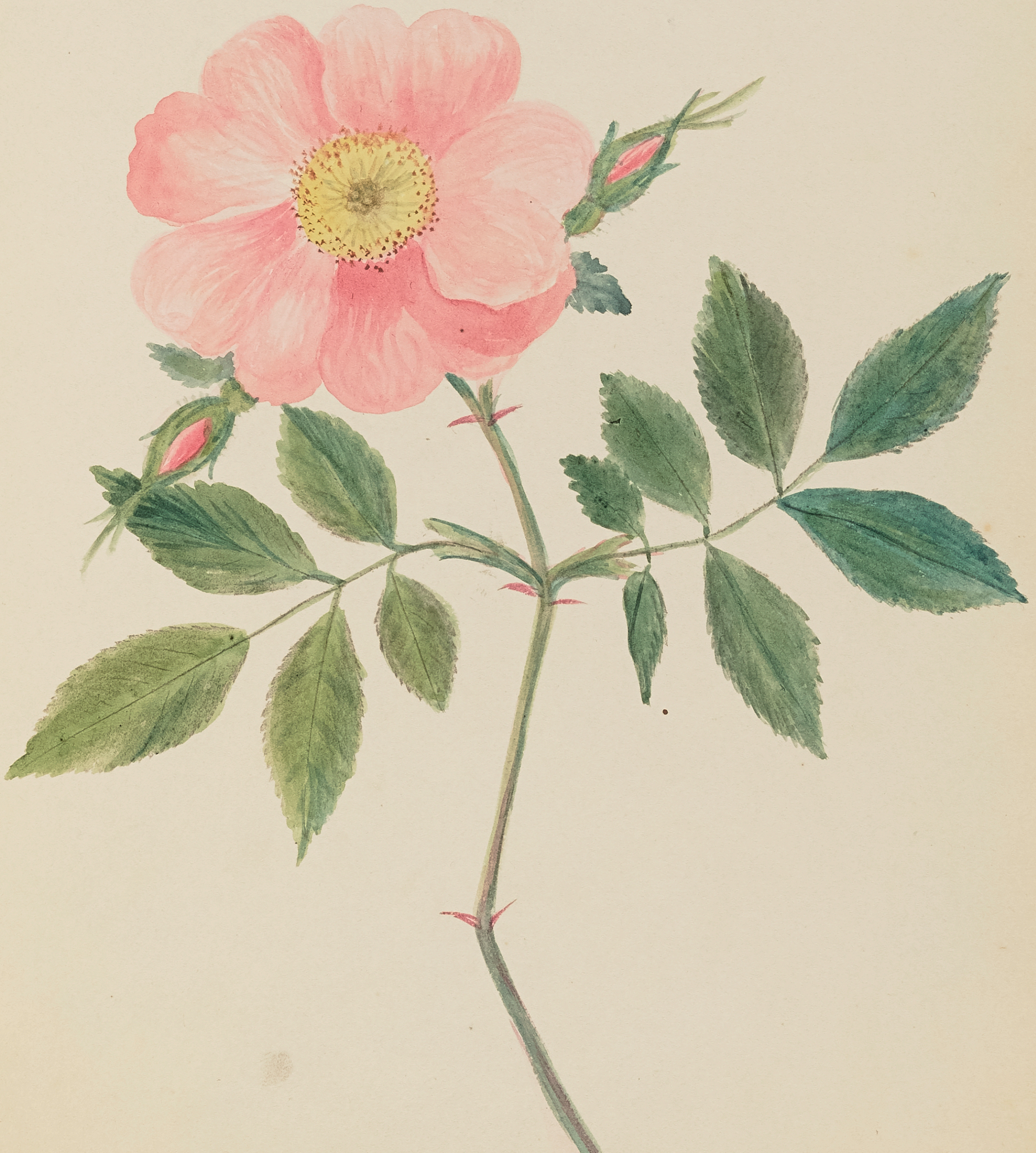
Rubus trivialis
Dew-berry.

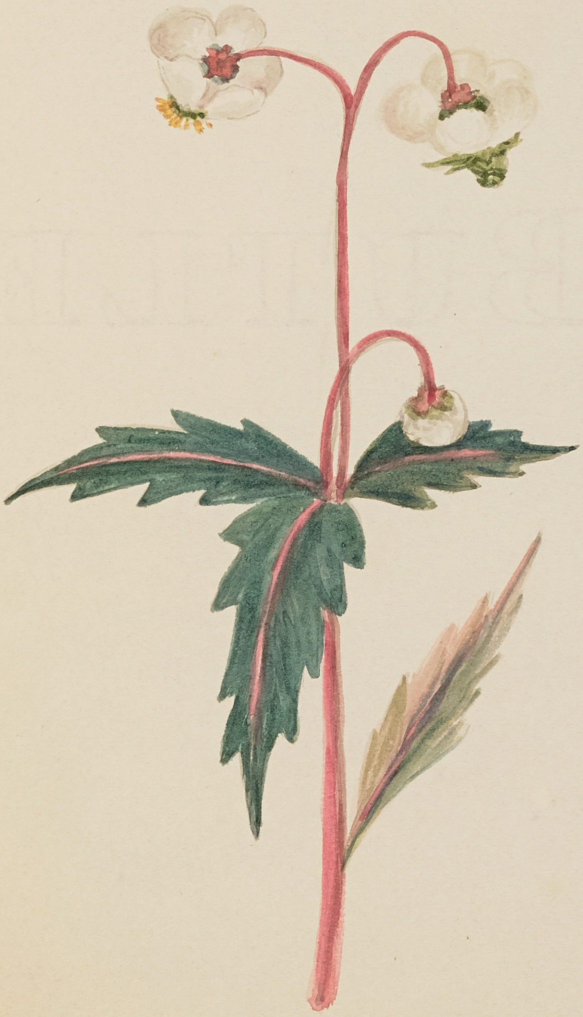


Pyrus coronaria.
Crab apple.

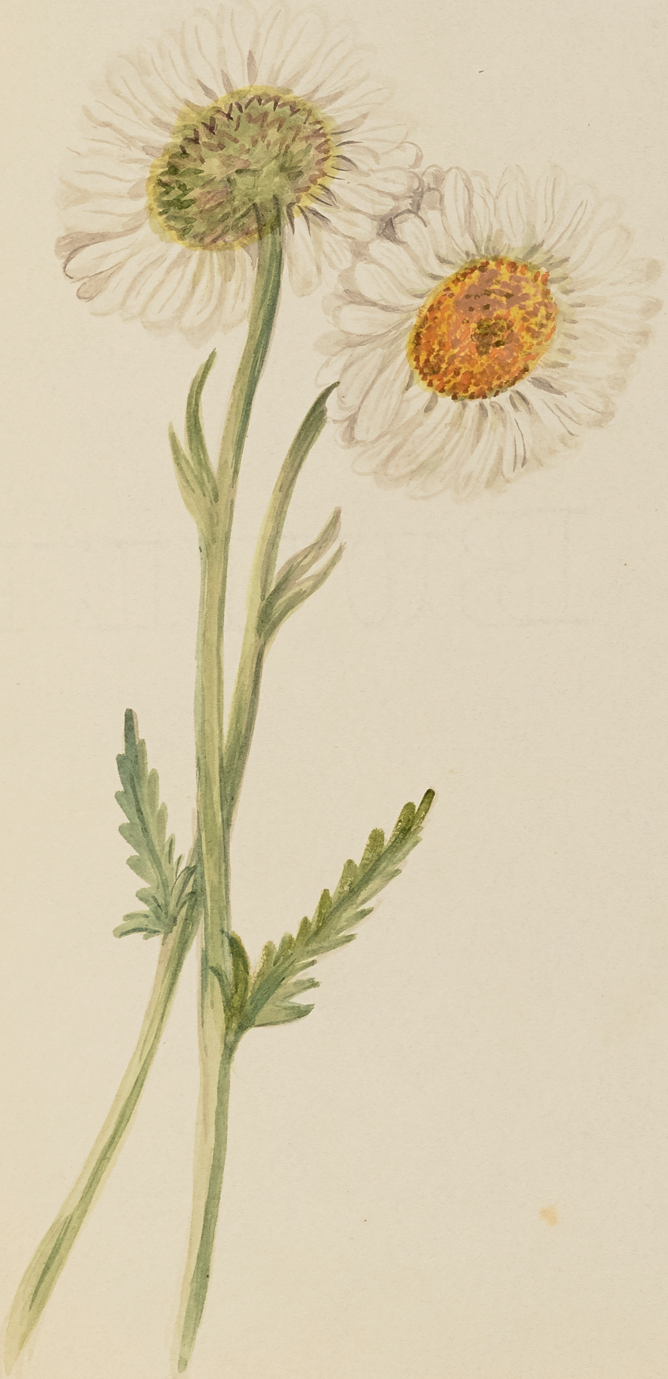


se Whortleberry- Partridge pea.

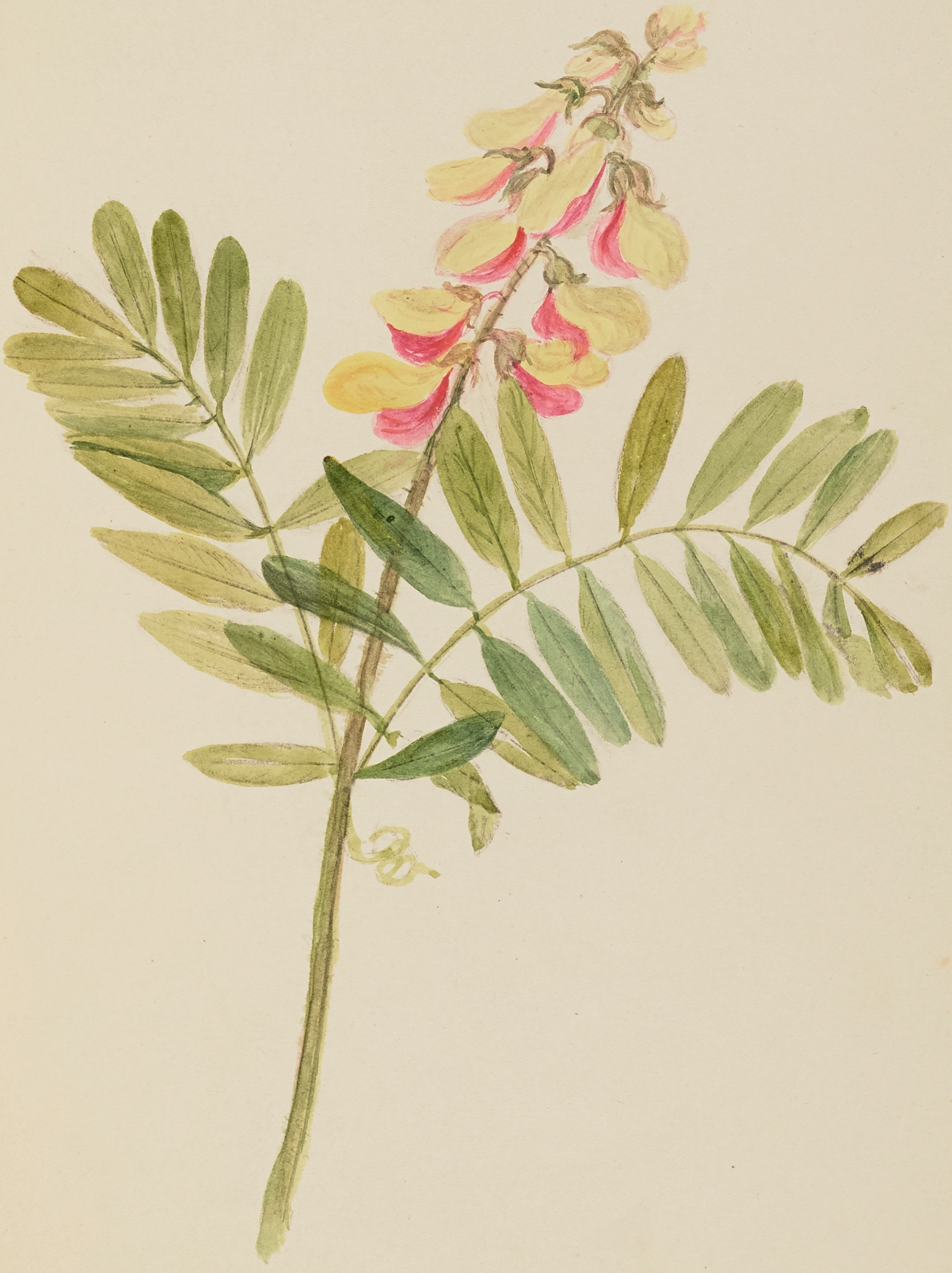


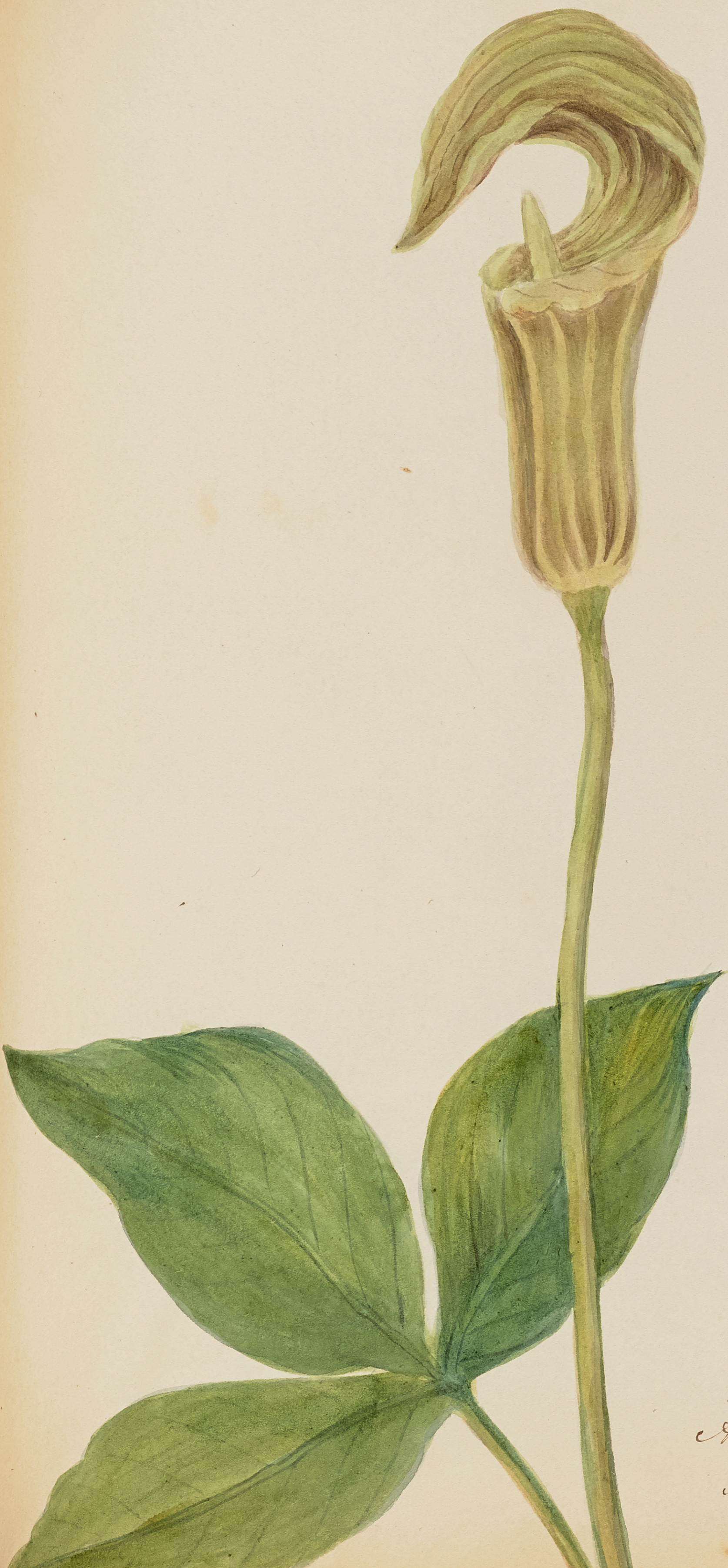


Chimaphila. maculata
Pipsisiwa.

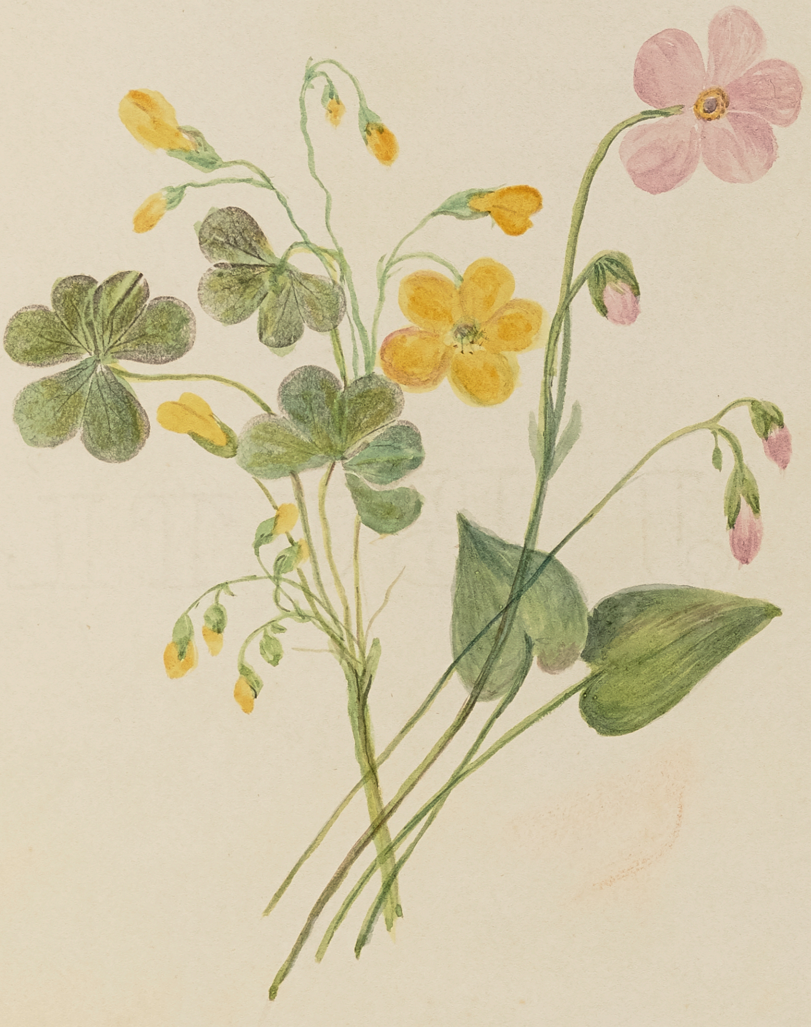


Ox-eyed
Daisy.



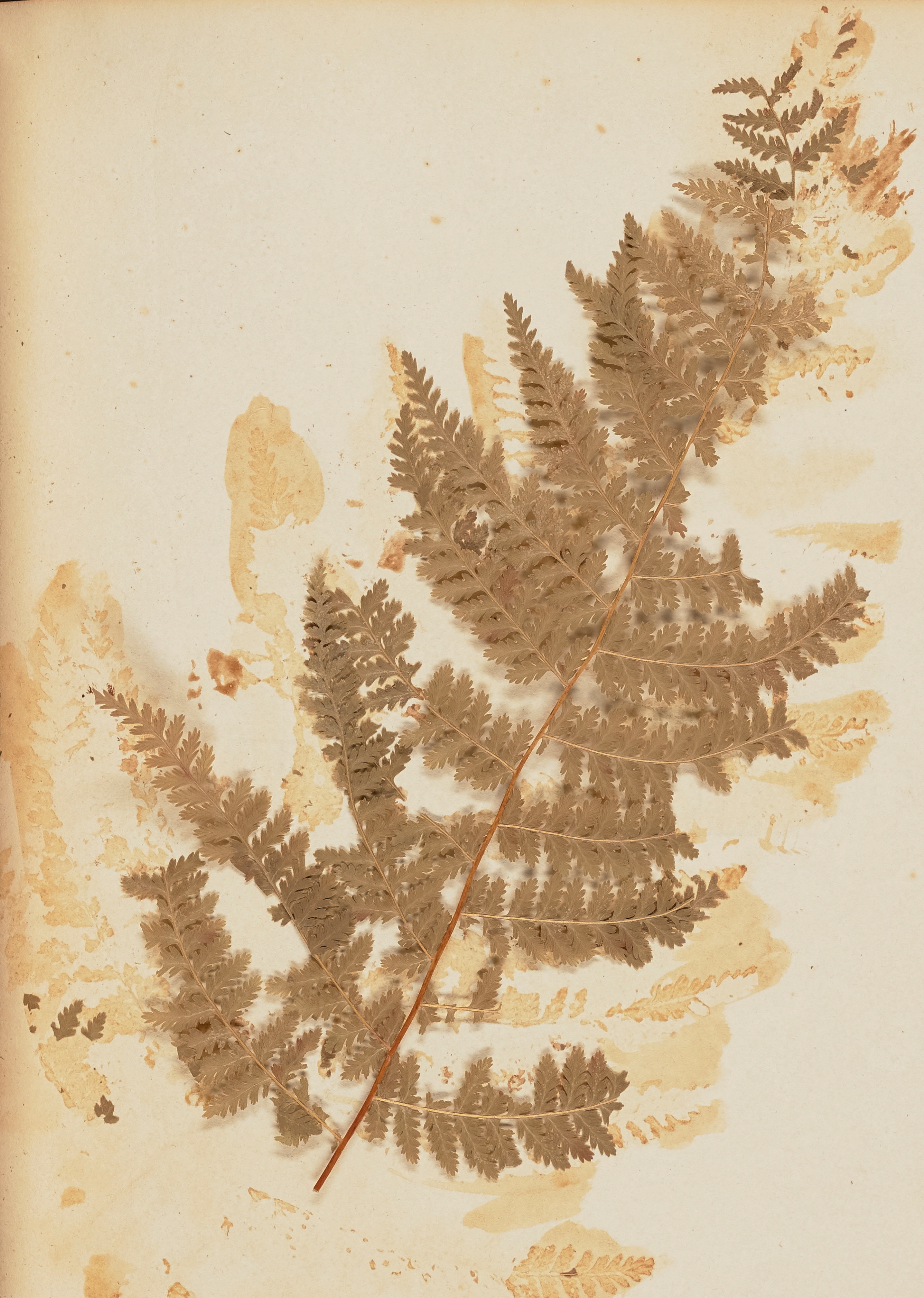


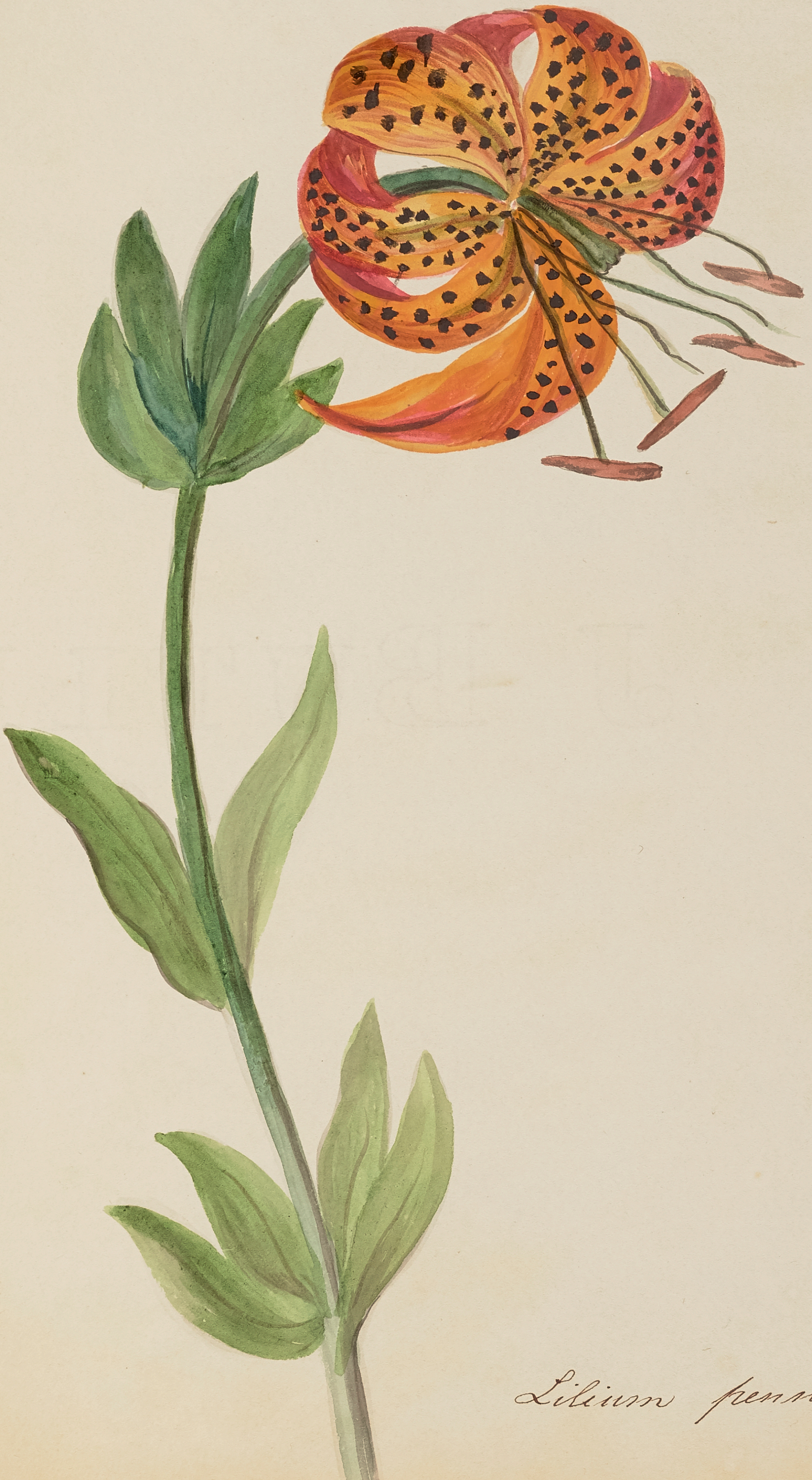
Arum. tryphyllum.
Indian turnip.
wake robin.



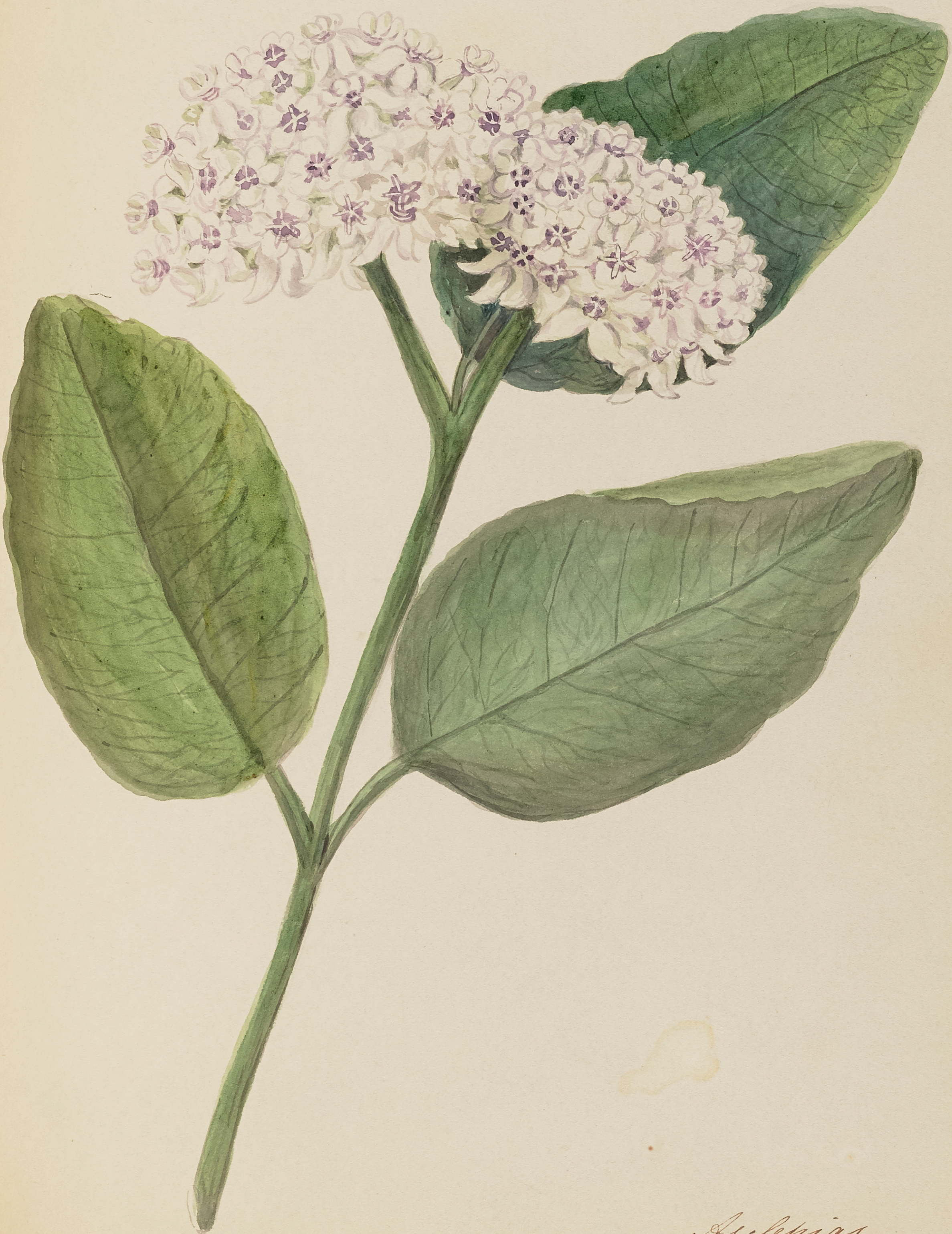
Oxalis stricta,
wood sorrel.
from Oxus- sour.

Oxalis violacea
wood sorrel.

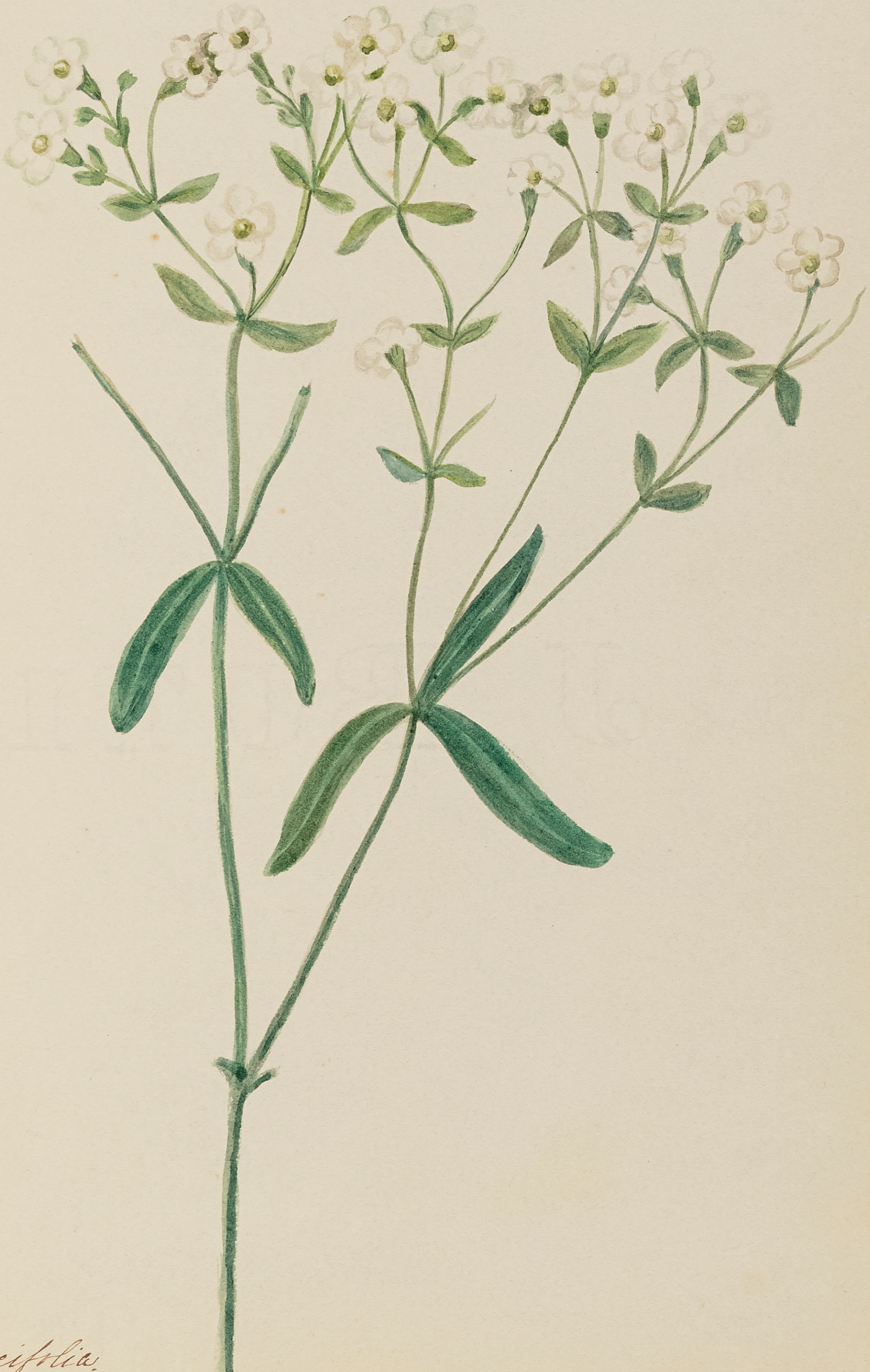




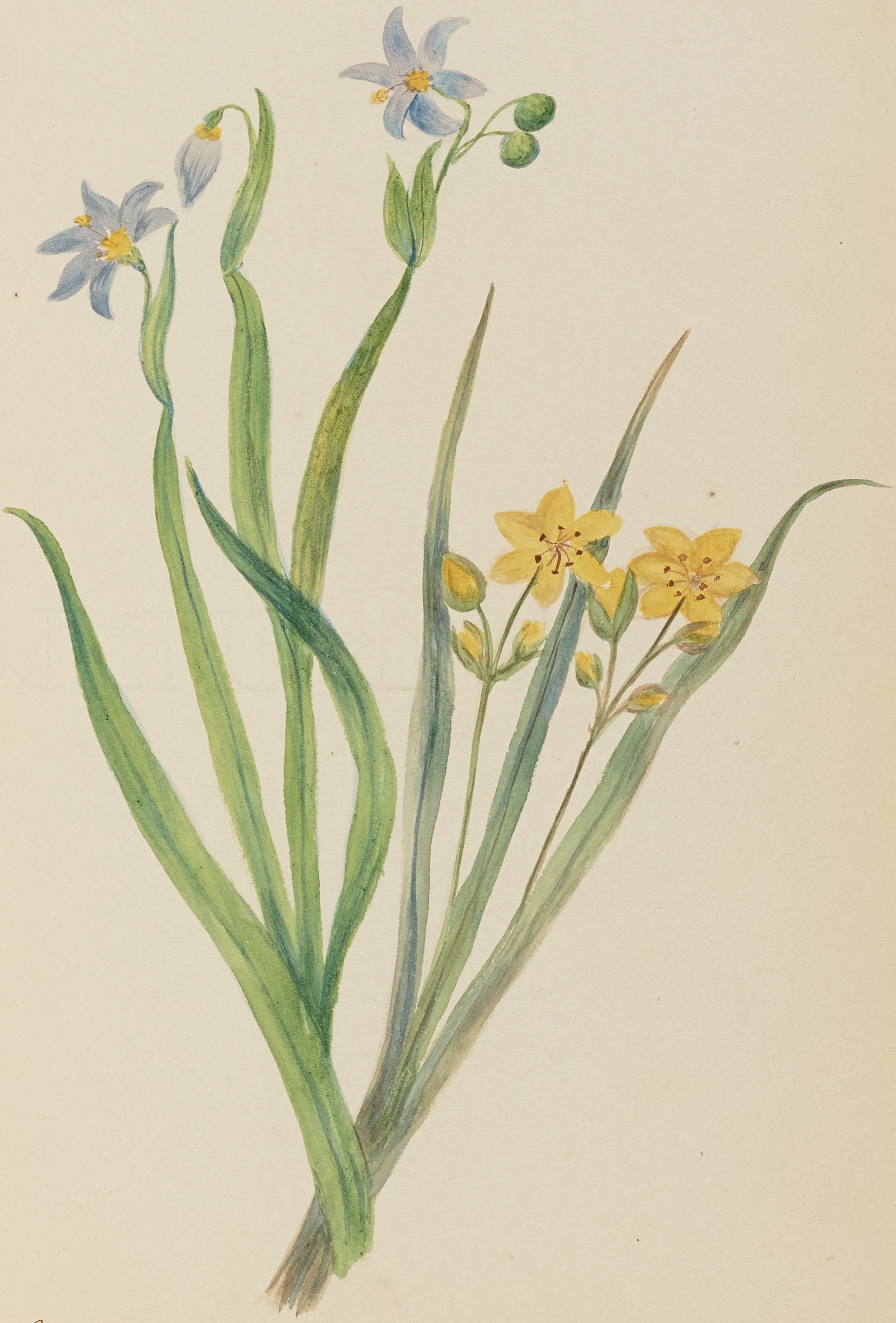
Lilium pennsylvanicum.



.Asclepias.
from Esculapius.
Milk-Weed.

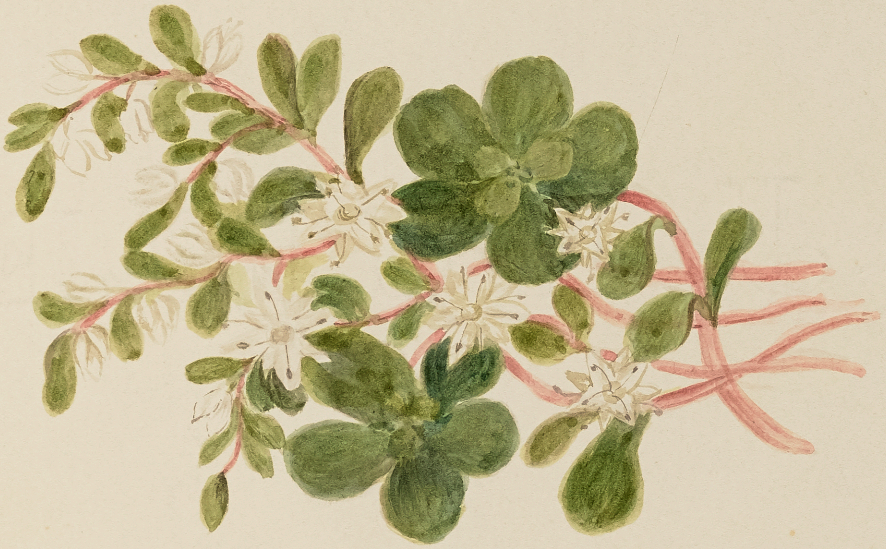


phorbia. hypericifolia.
honor of Ĕuphorbus, physician
Juba, king of Mauritania —



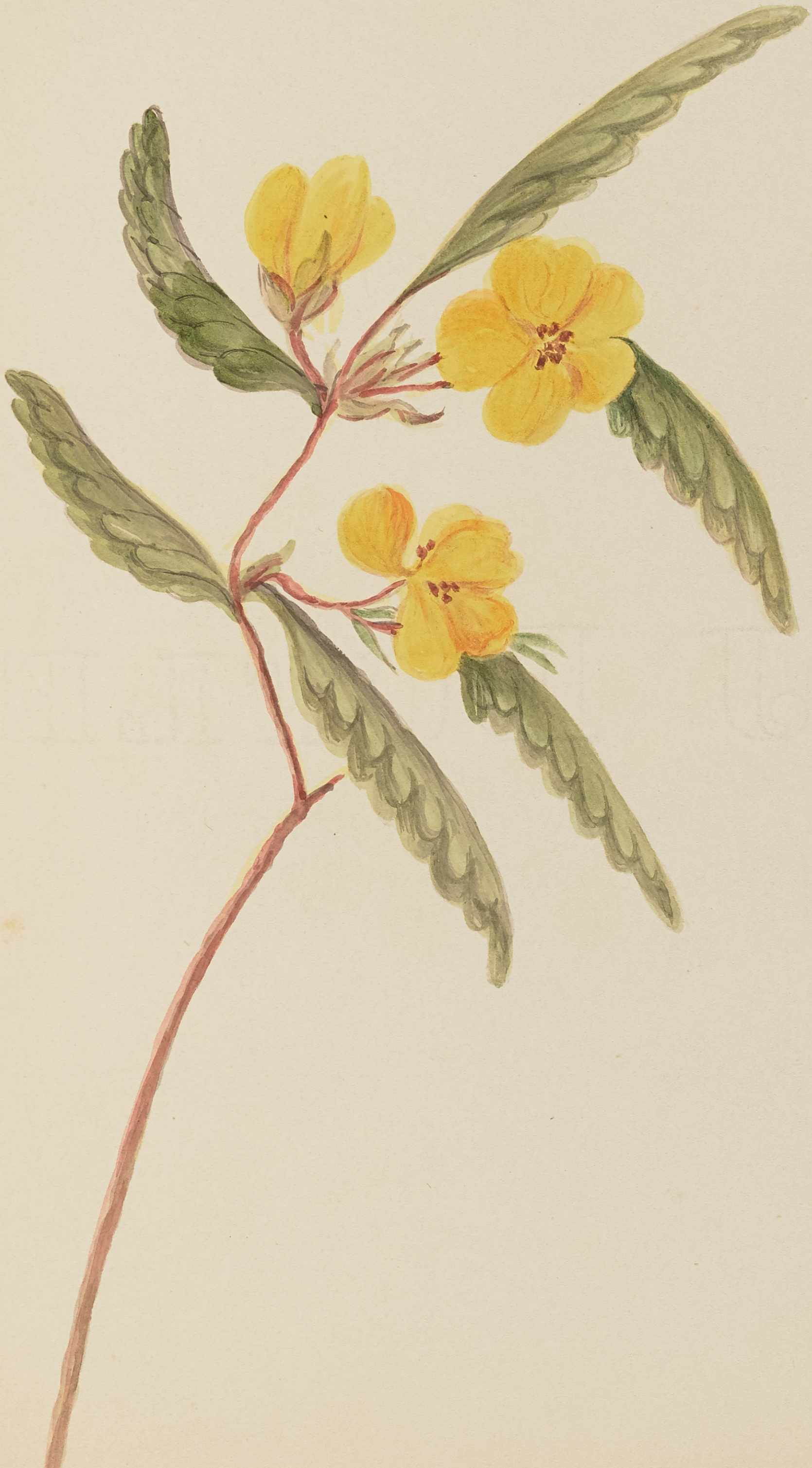
Hypoxis. erecta.
Star Grass.

Sisyrinchium.
Blue-eyed Grass.

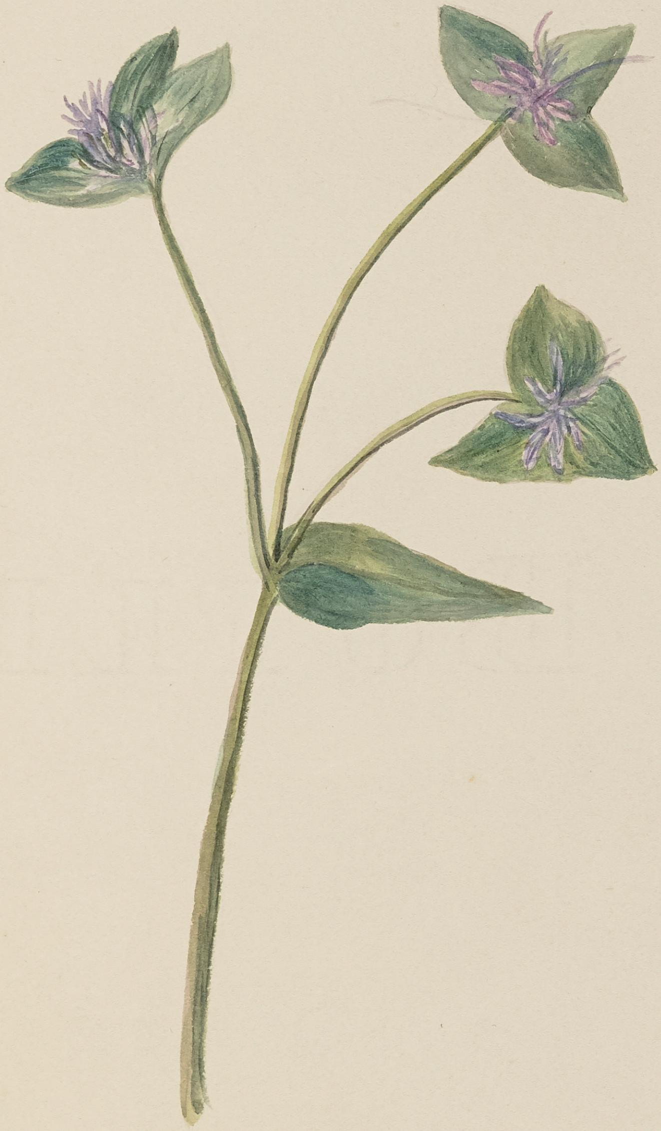


Sedum ternatum.
false Ice plant.

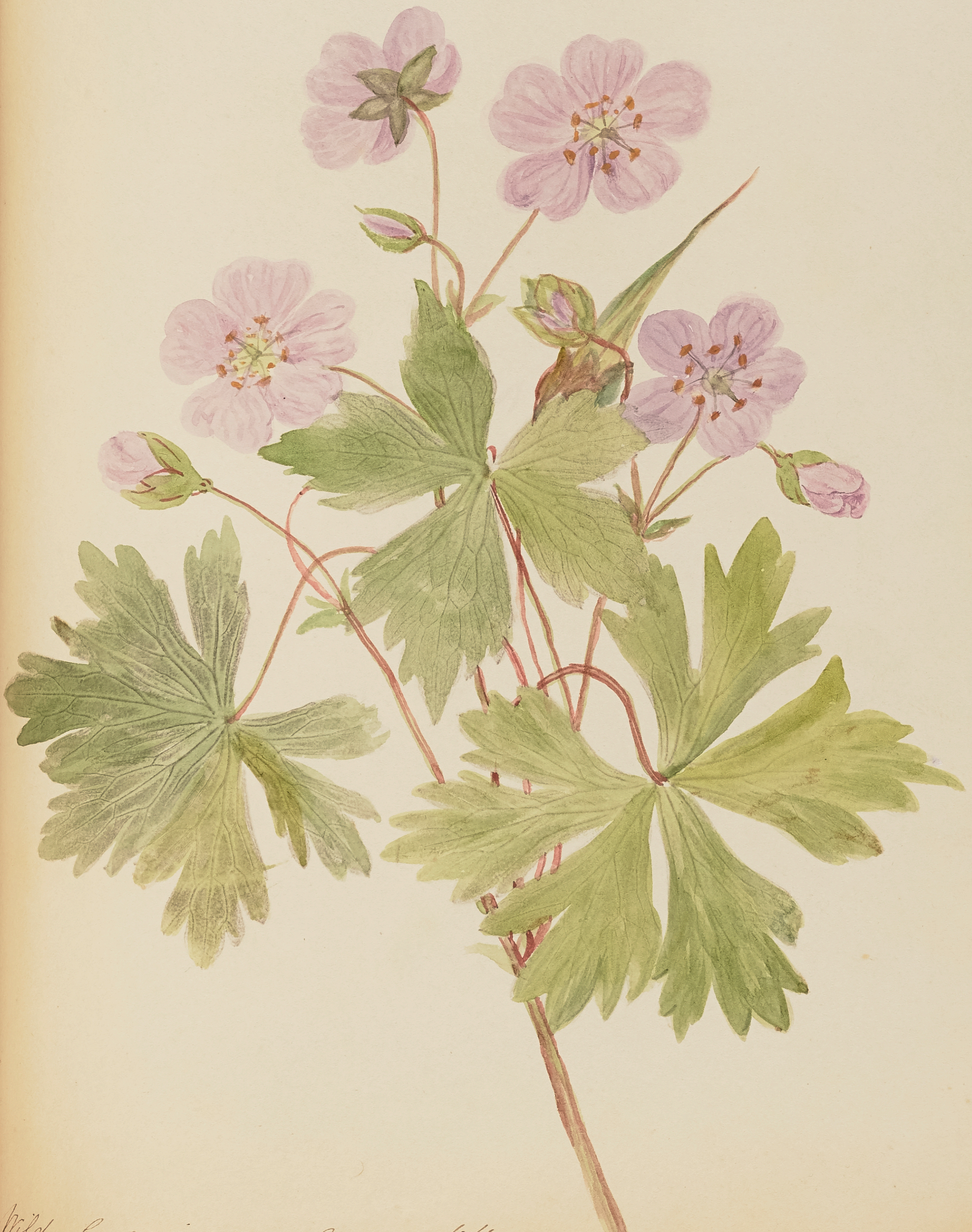
is named after the Prince of Ivry-
in every part of the flower; there is the most perfect regularity – 8 stamens – 4. pistils, 4 petals, & 4 celled pericarps containing 8 seeds —



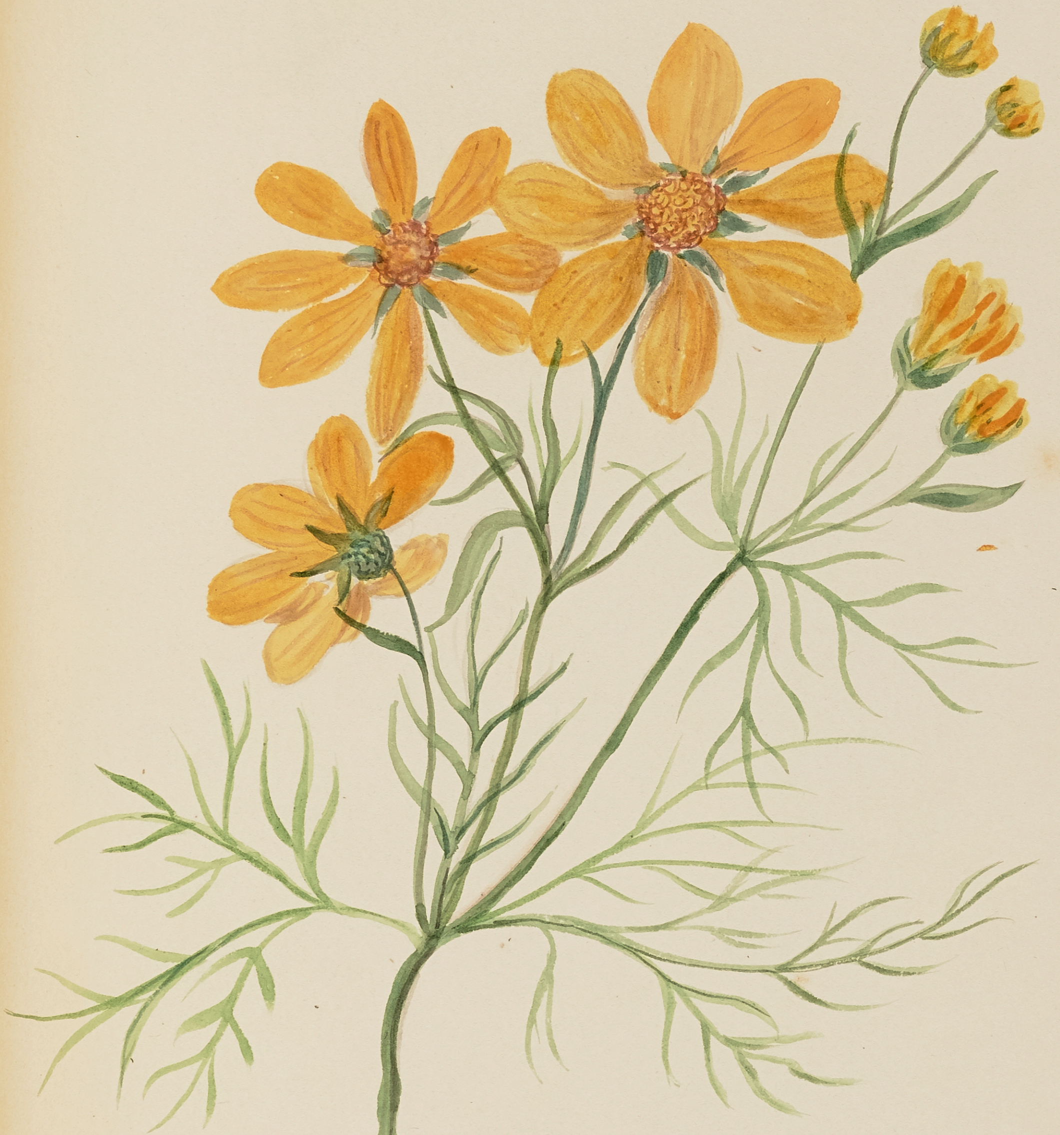
False sensitive plant.



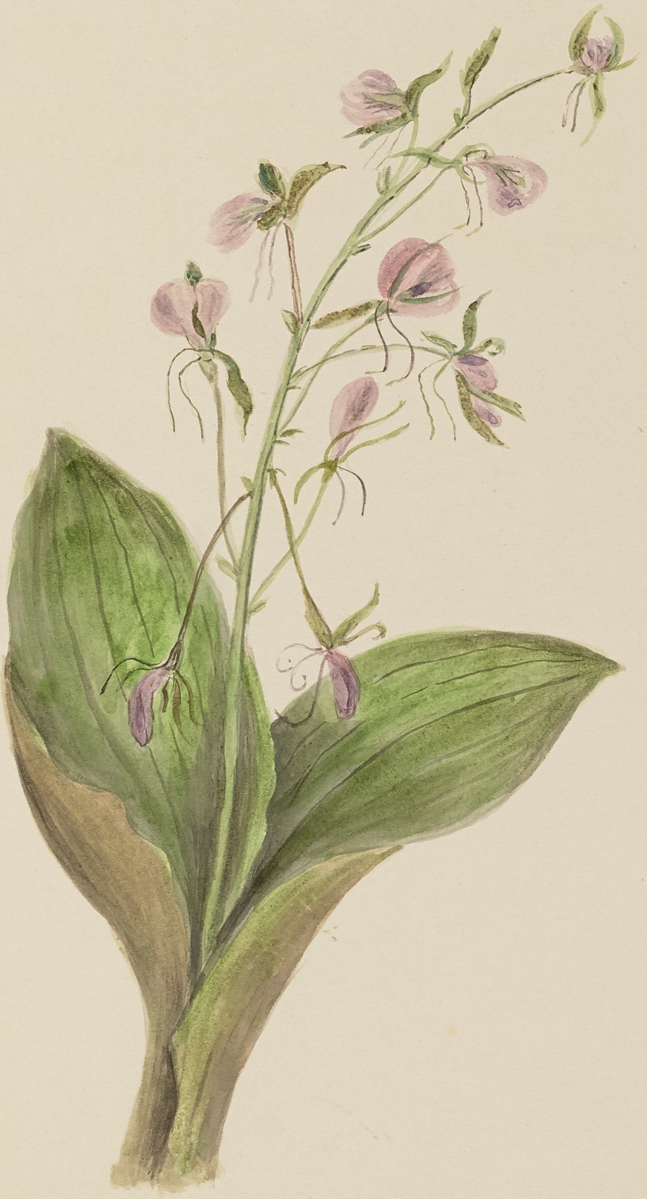
Elephantopus.
Elephants foot.



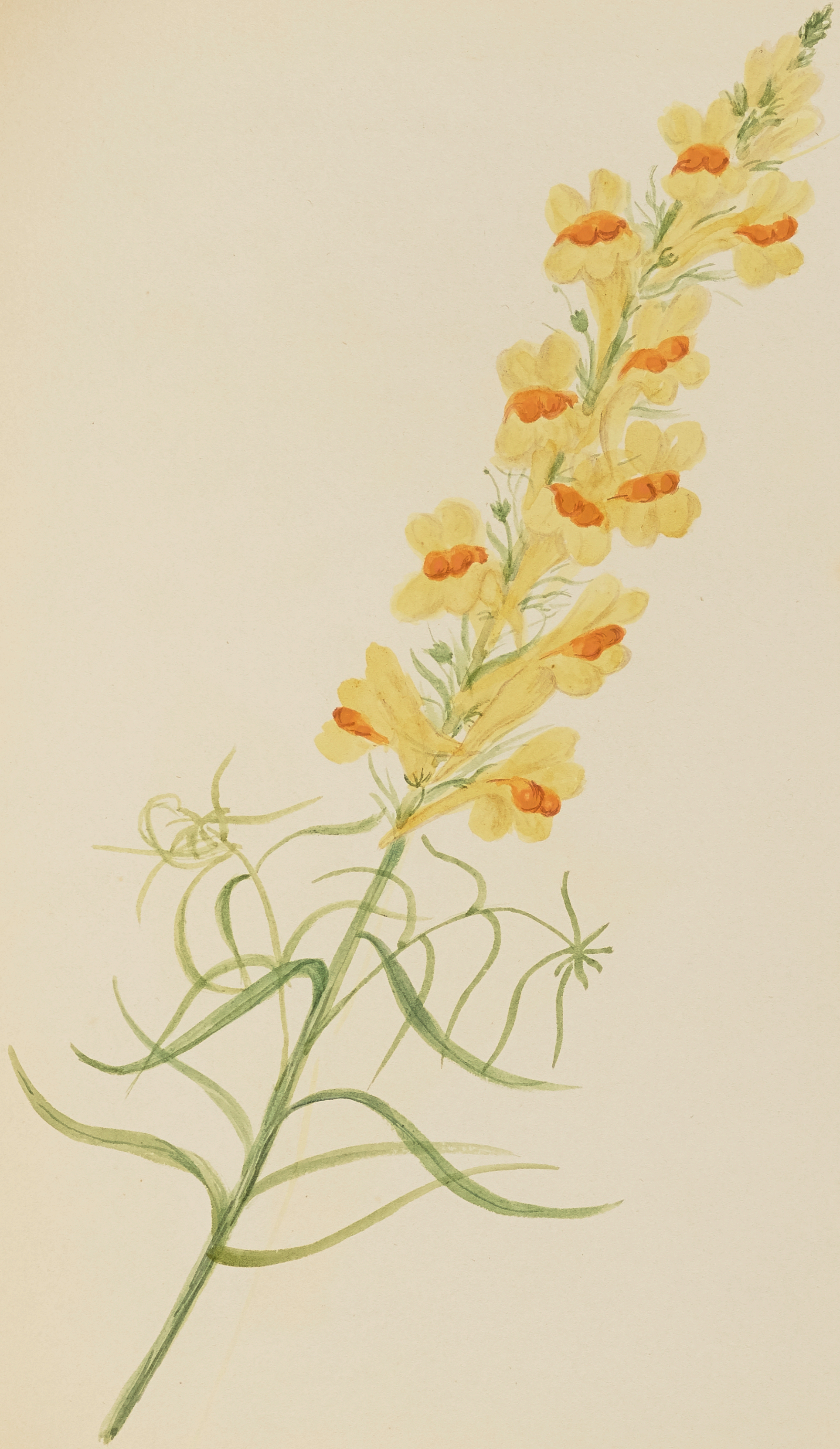
Wild Geranium - Cranes-bill.



Coreopsis.
tick-seed sunflower.

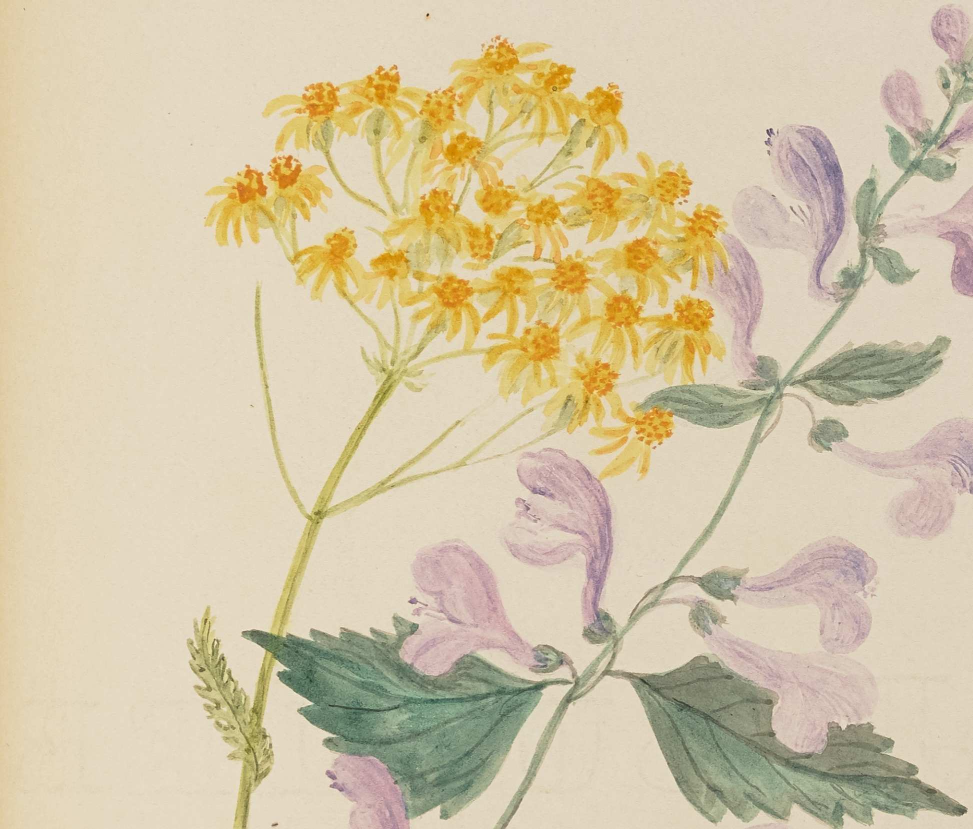


Fly Orchis. Malaxis lilifolia.
tway-blade

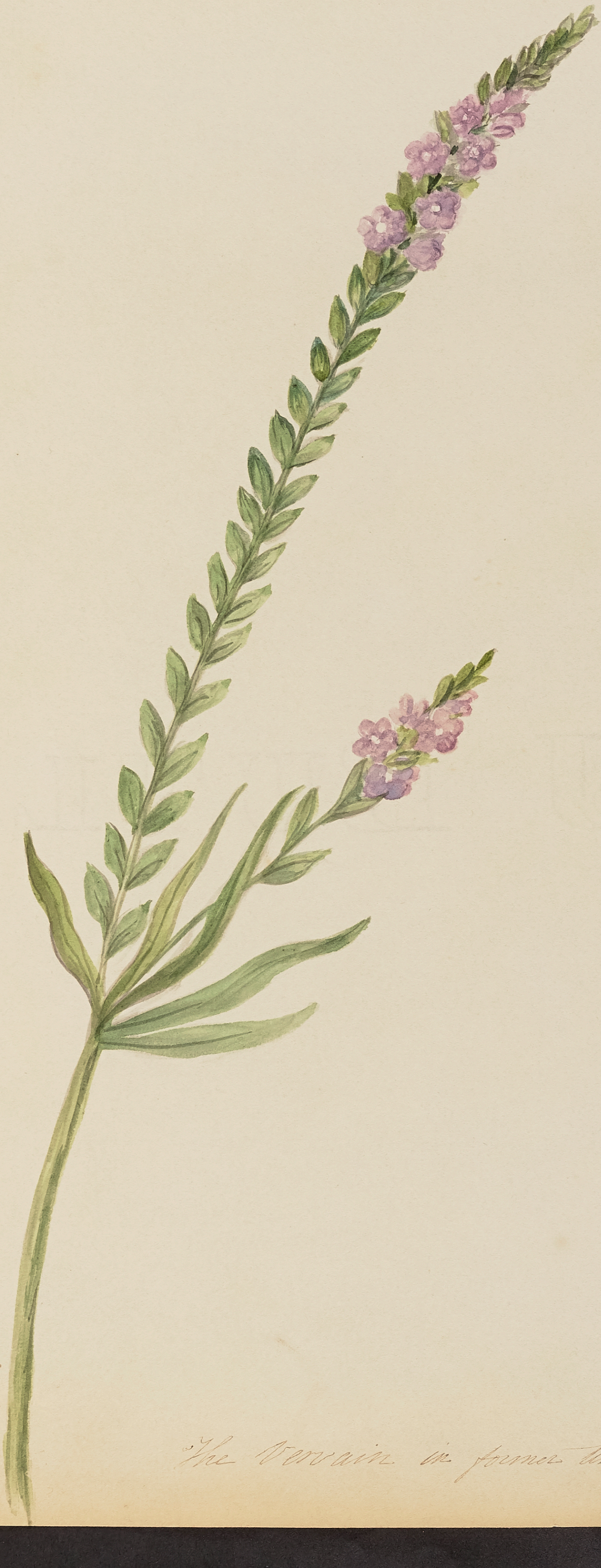


Antirrhinum. linaria

Snap-dragon - Toad-flax.

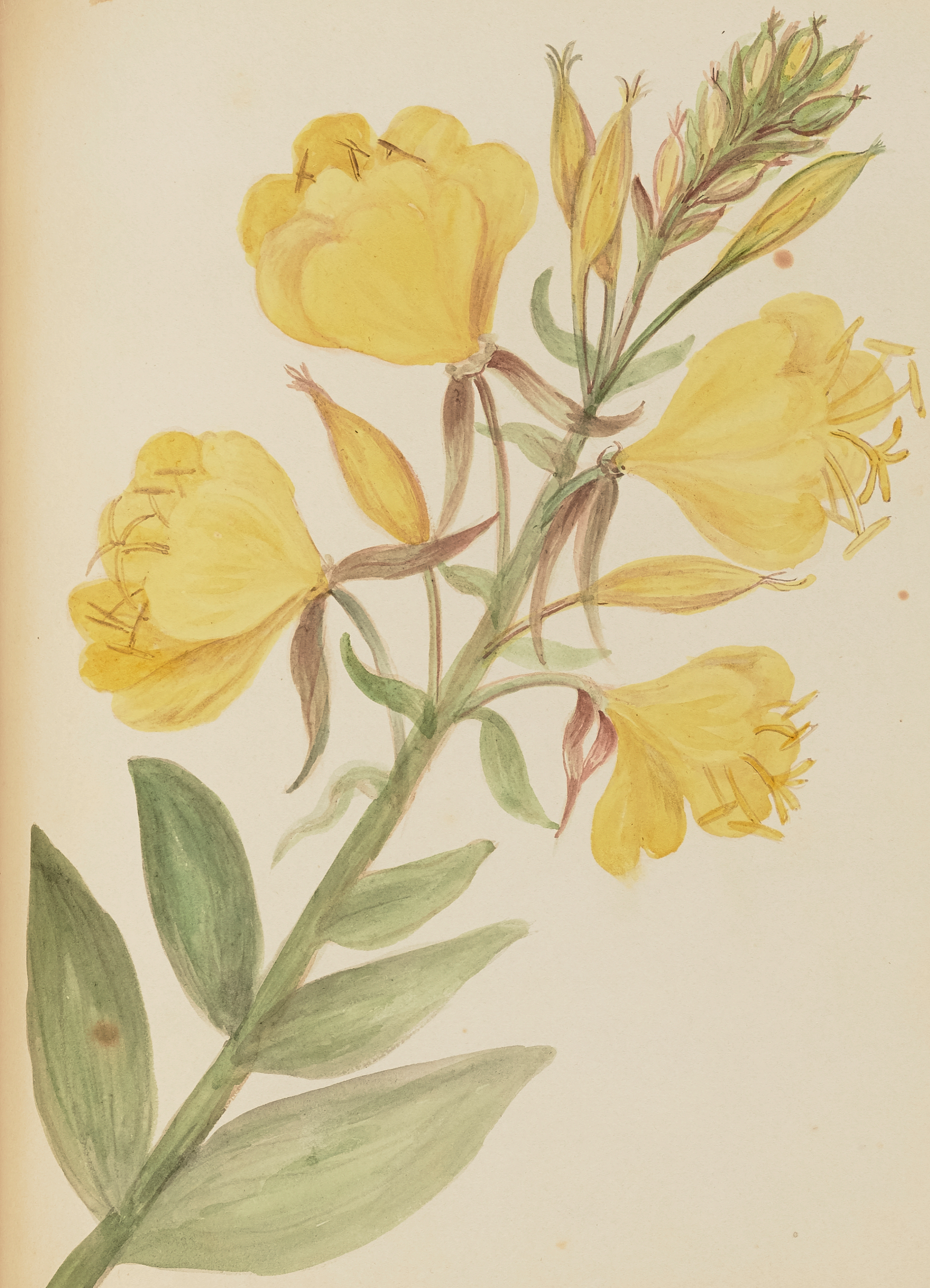


Scutellaria - Scullcap-

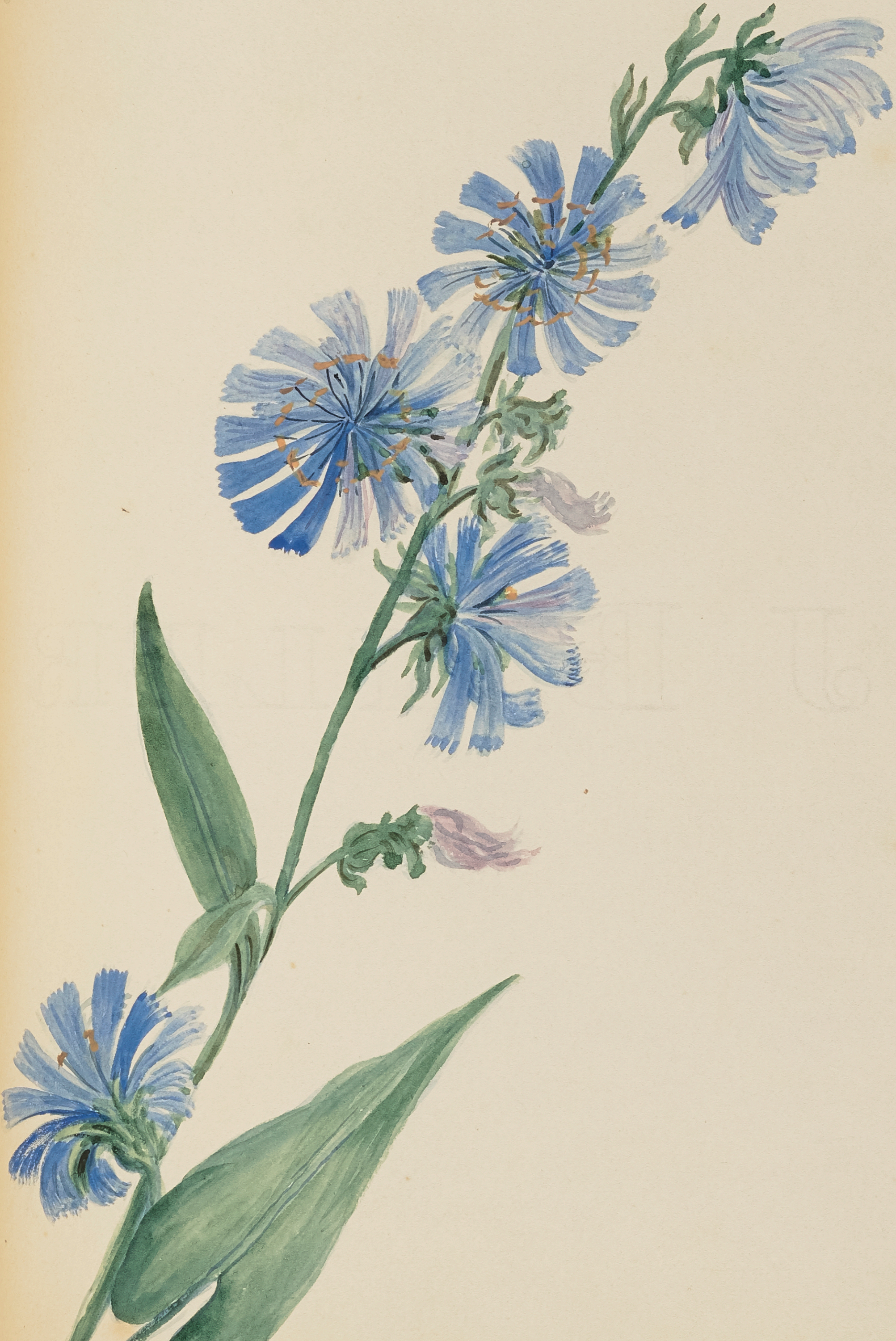


erbena hastata.
Simplers joy..

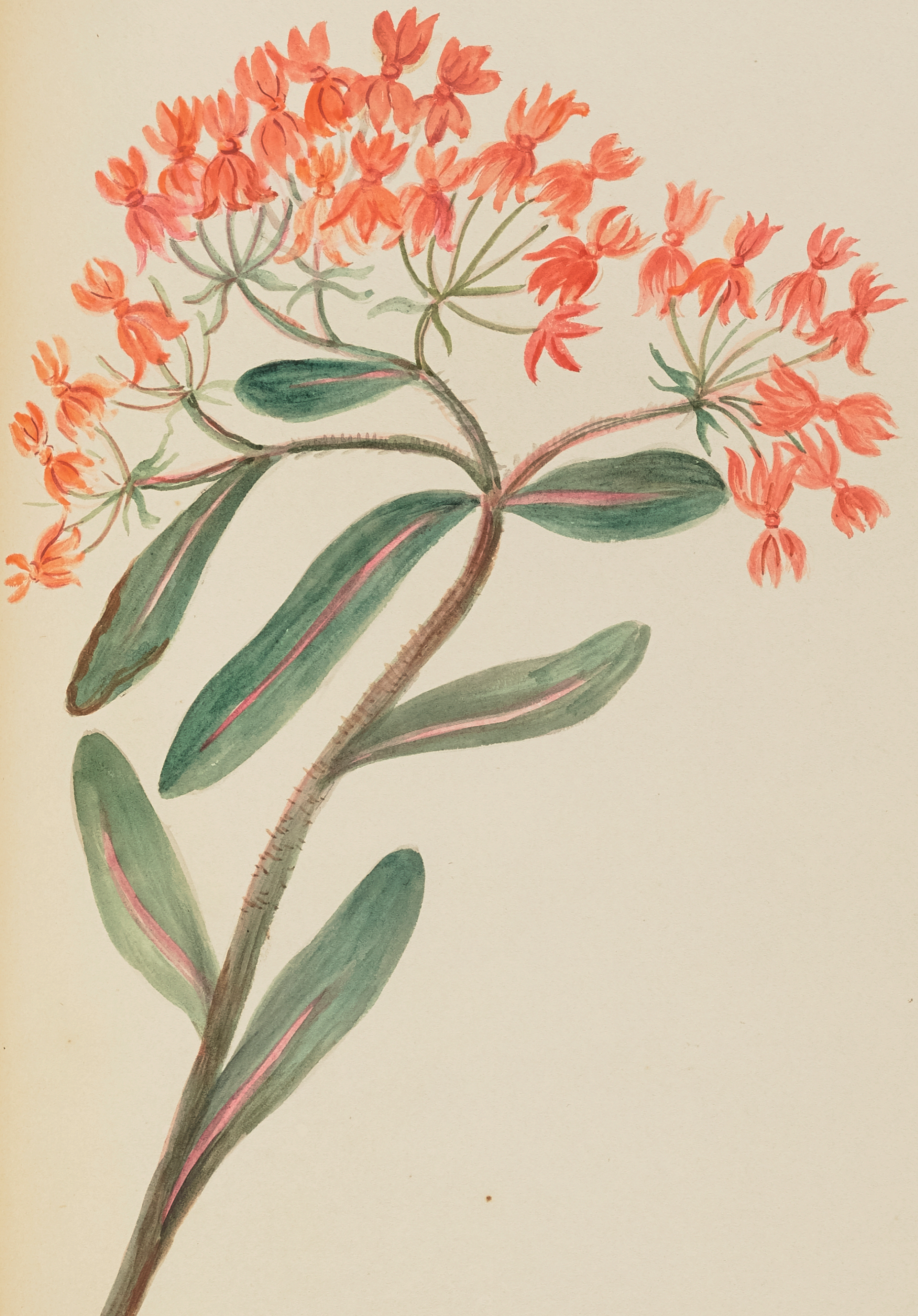
The Vervain in former times, was held sacred.



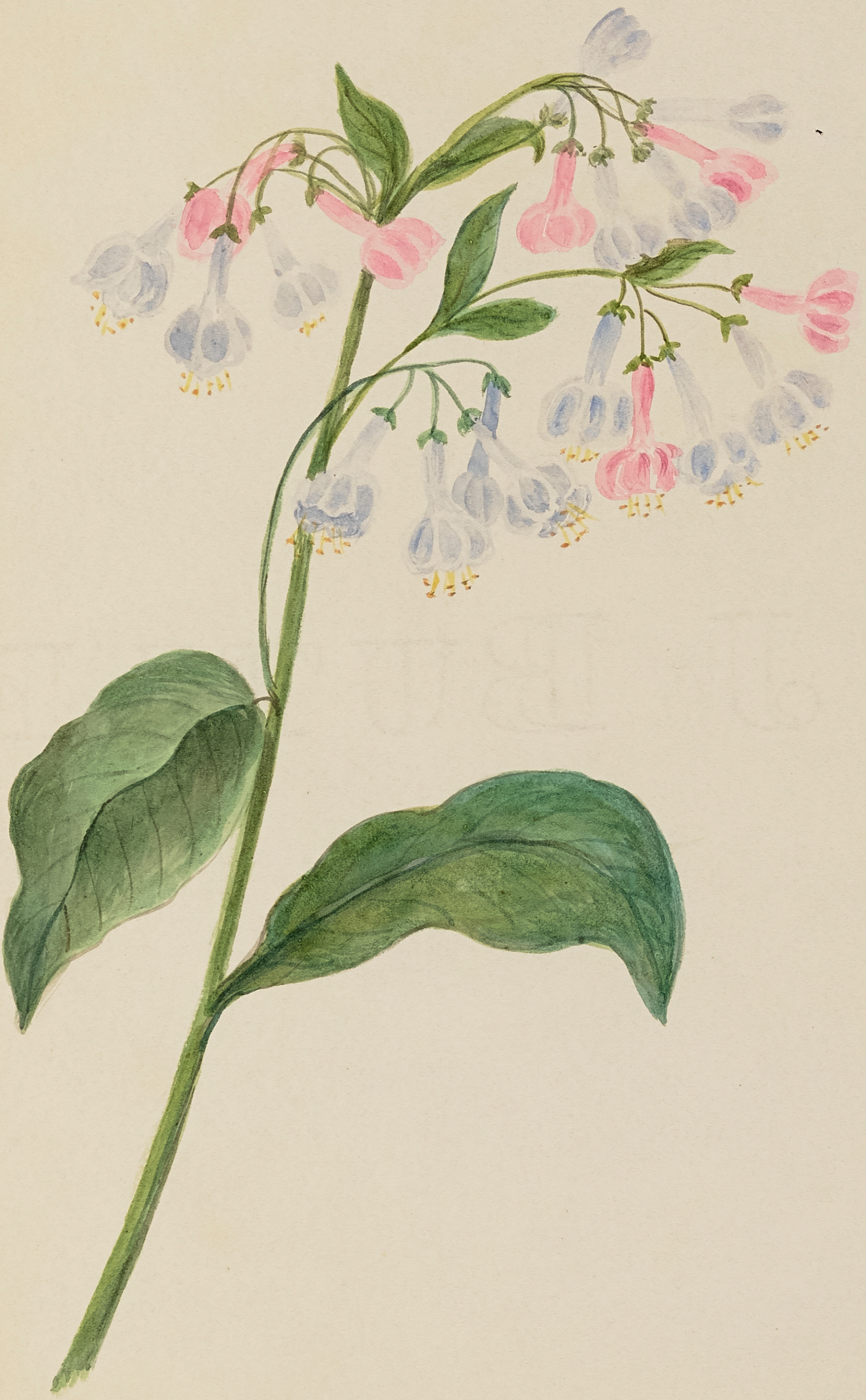
Evening Primrose. Œnothera. grandiflora.



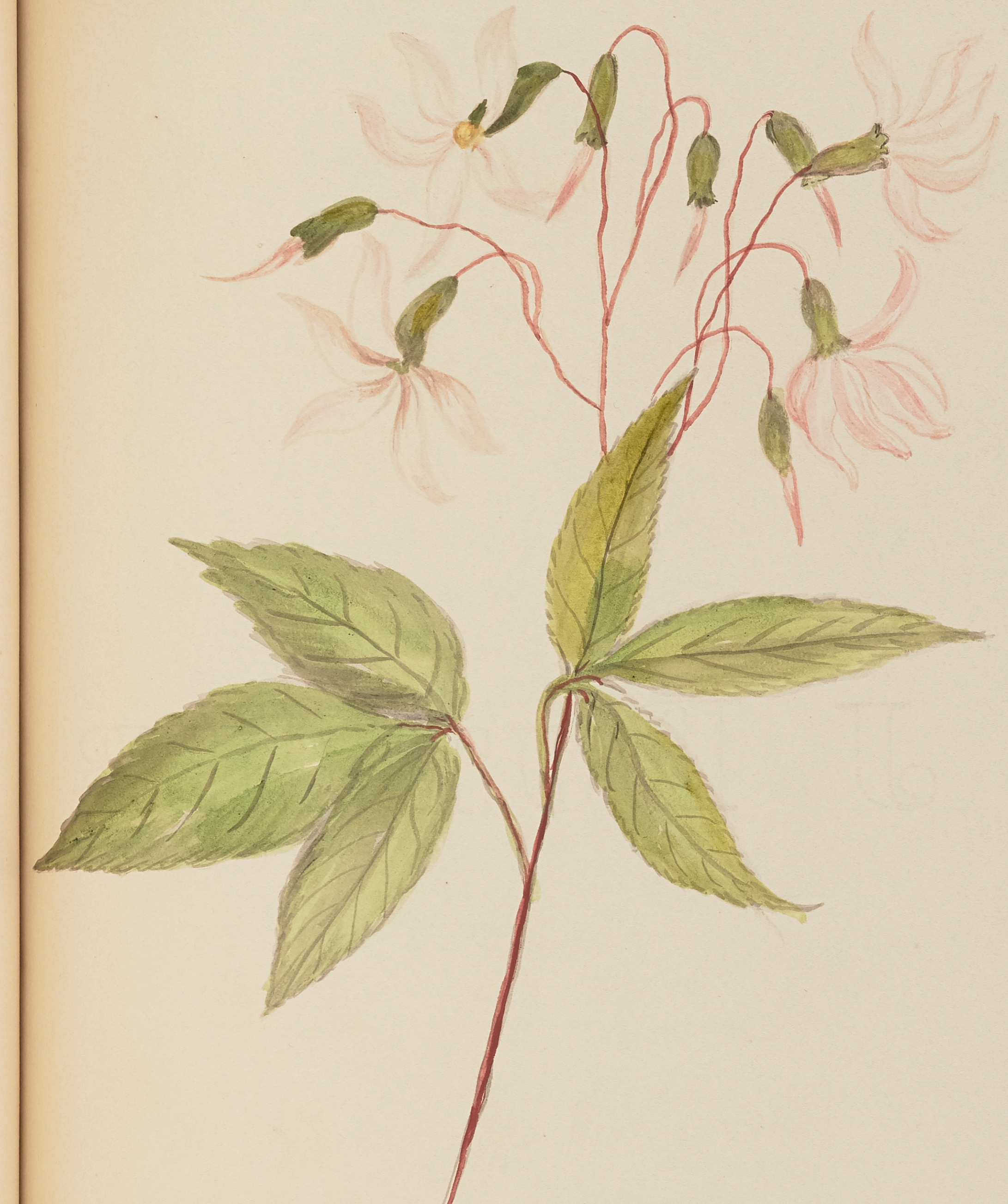
False Chicory.



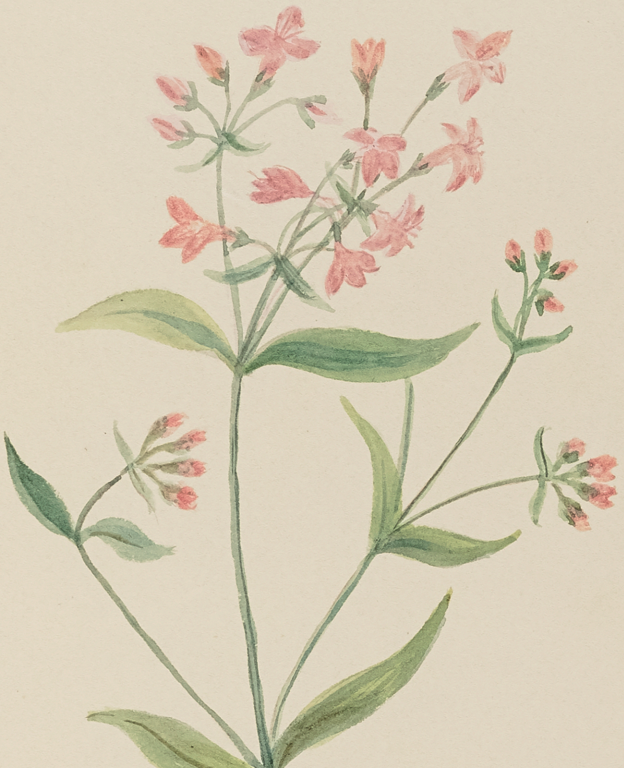
Asclepias.
Milk weed -
Butterfly weed.



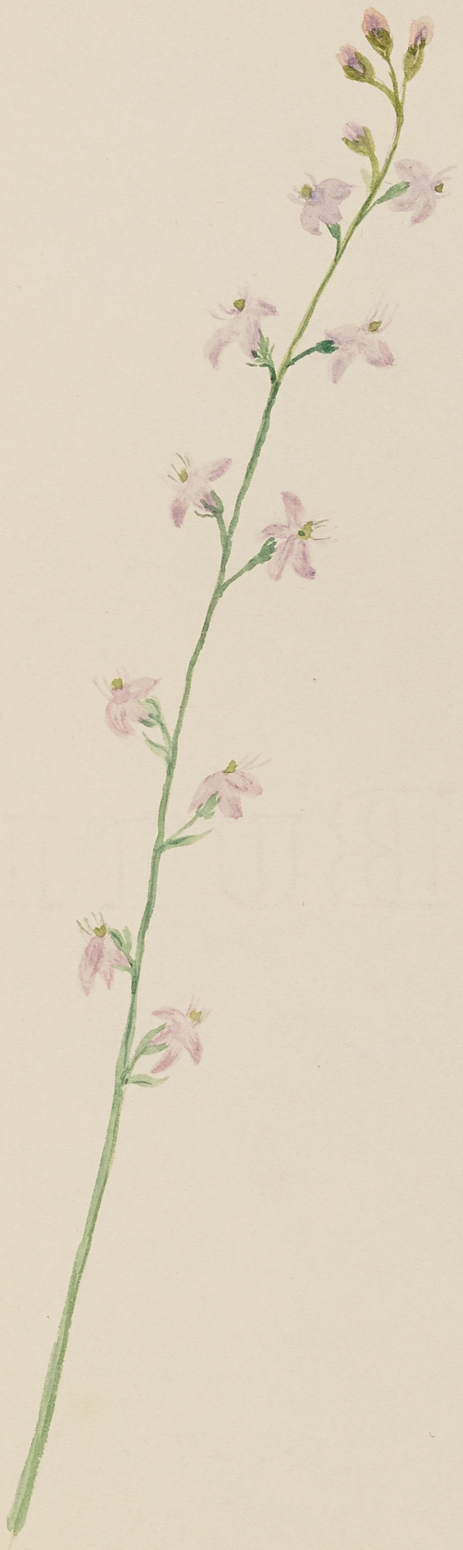
Pulmonaria.
Lungwort.



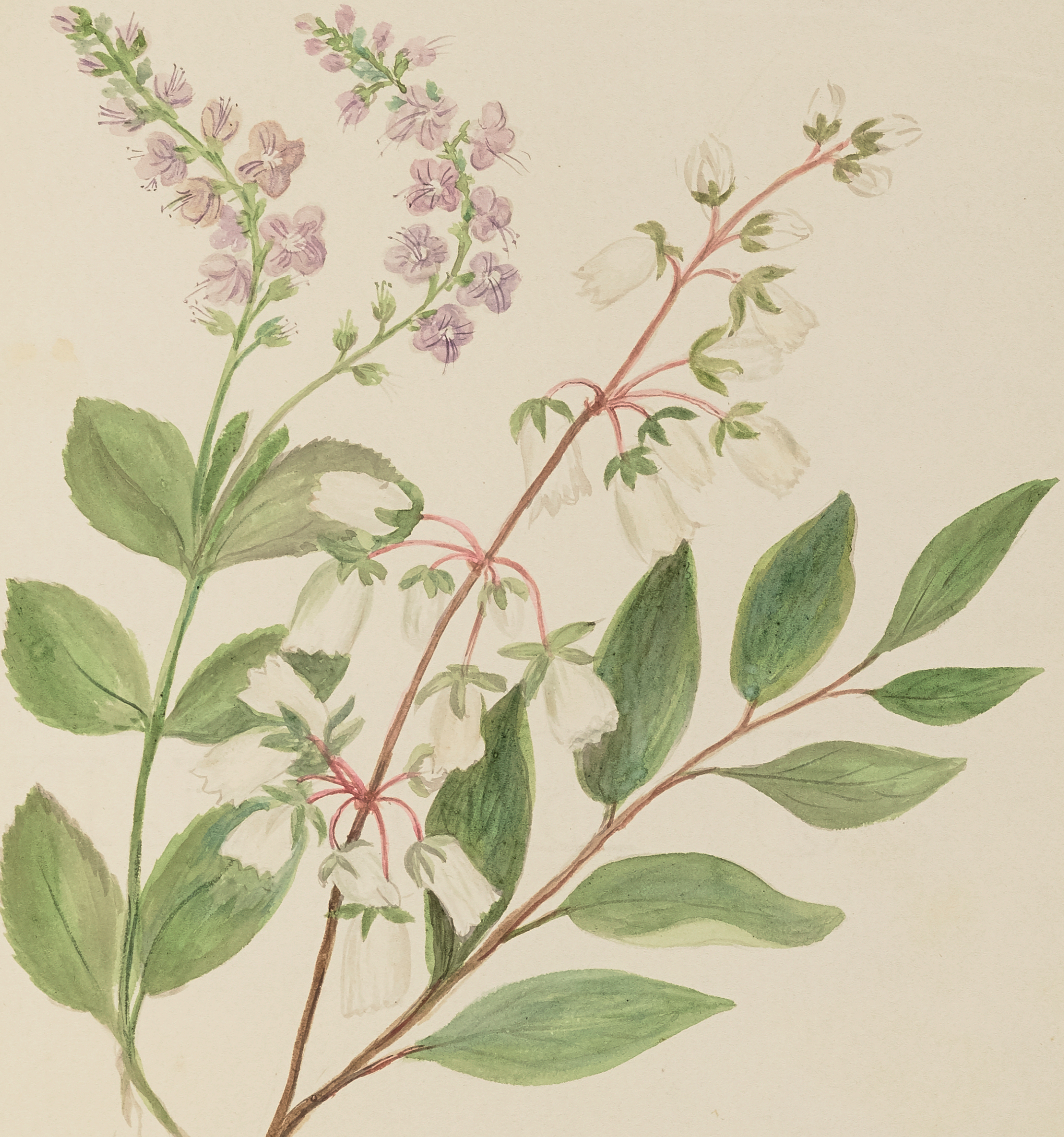
Gillenia. trifoliata.
Indian physic.



Houstonia. purpurea.

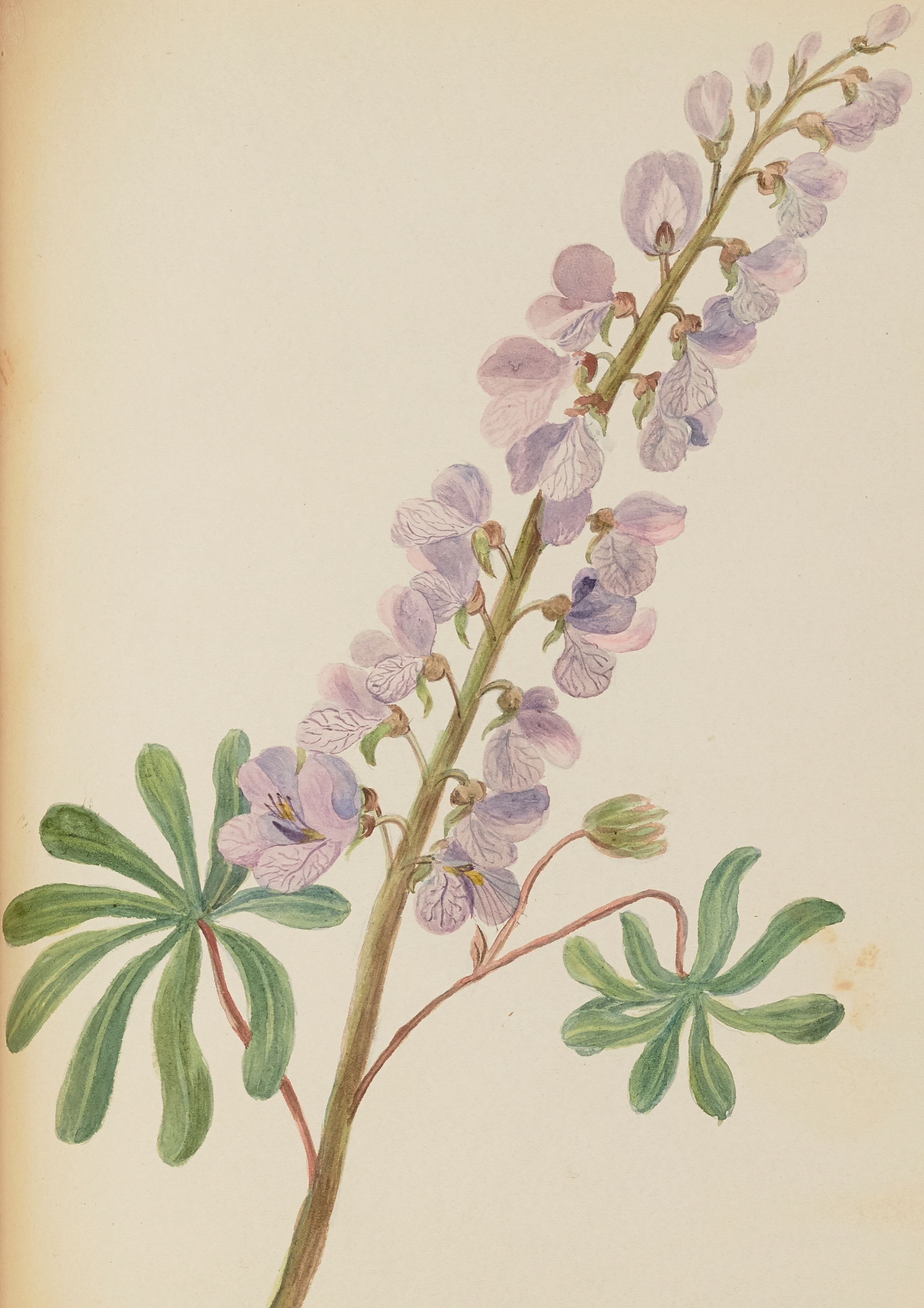


Lobelia. claytoniana.

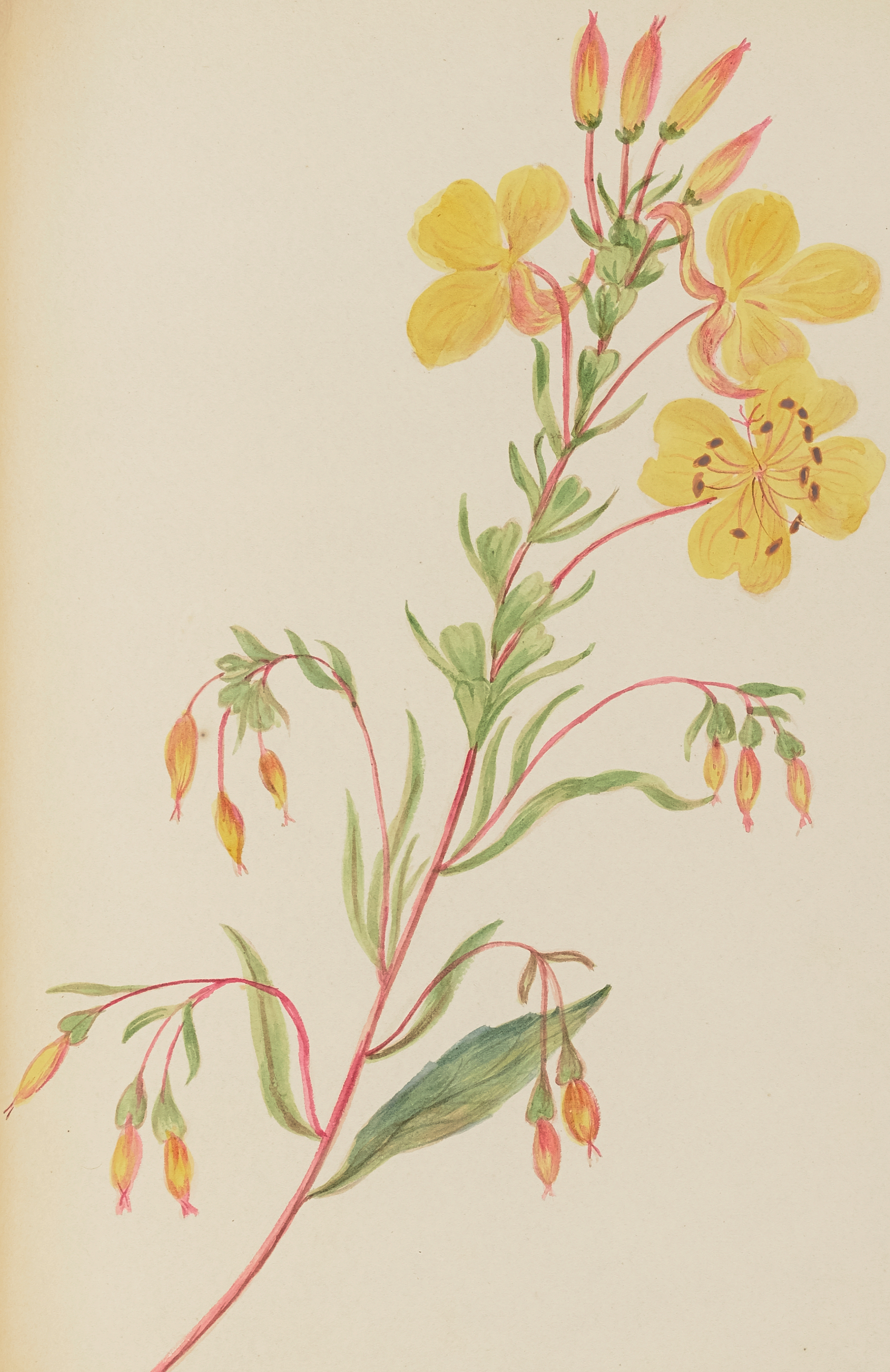


Veronica. Officinalis
Speed-well.

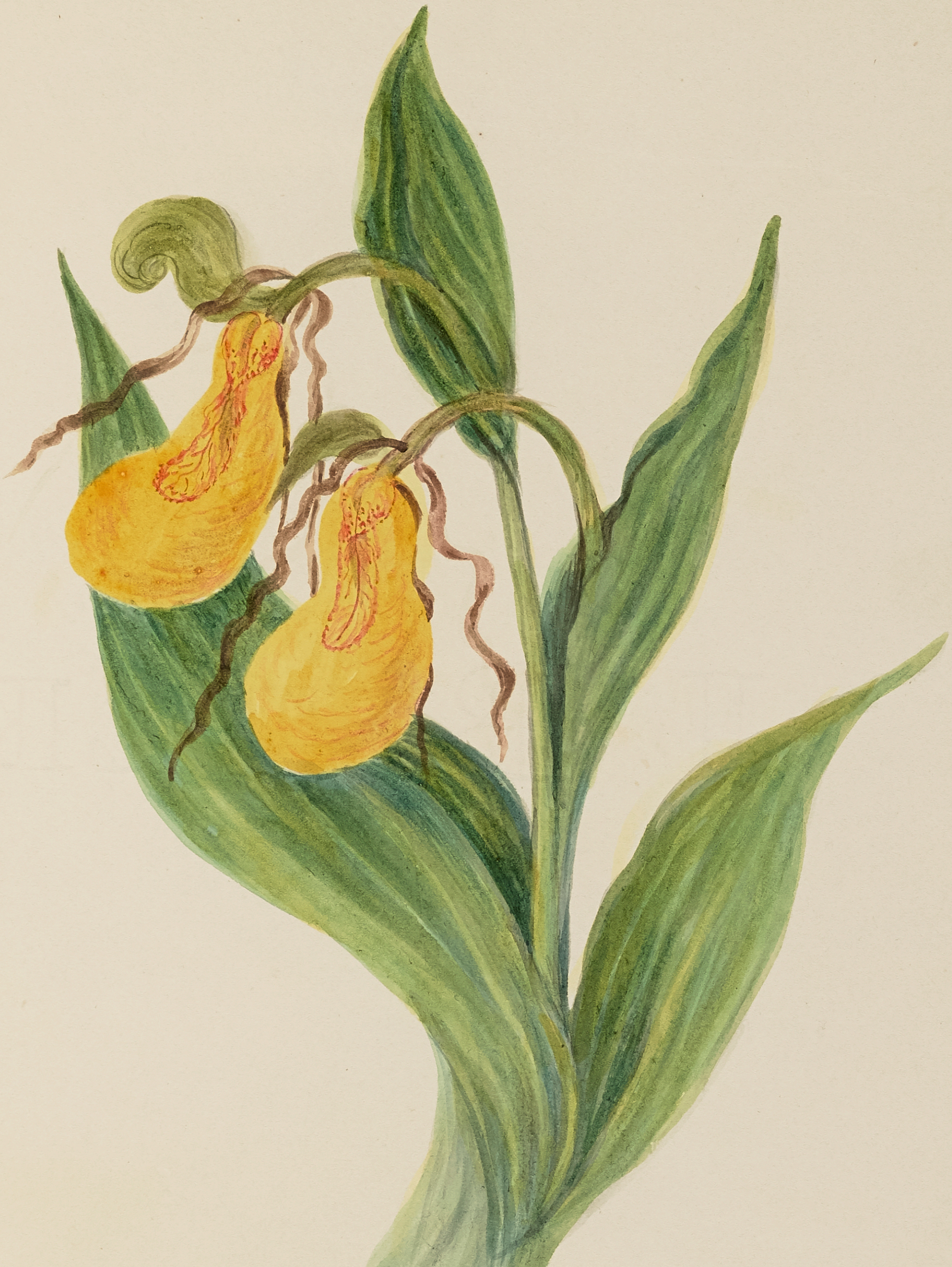
Andromeda. Mariana.
White bush.



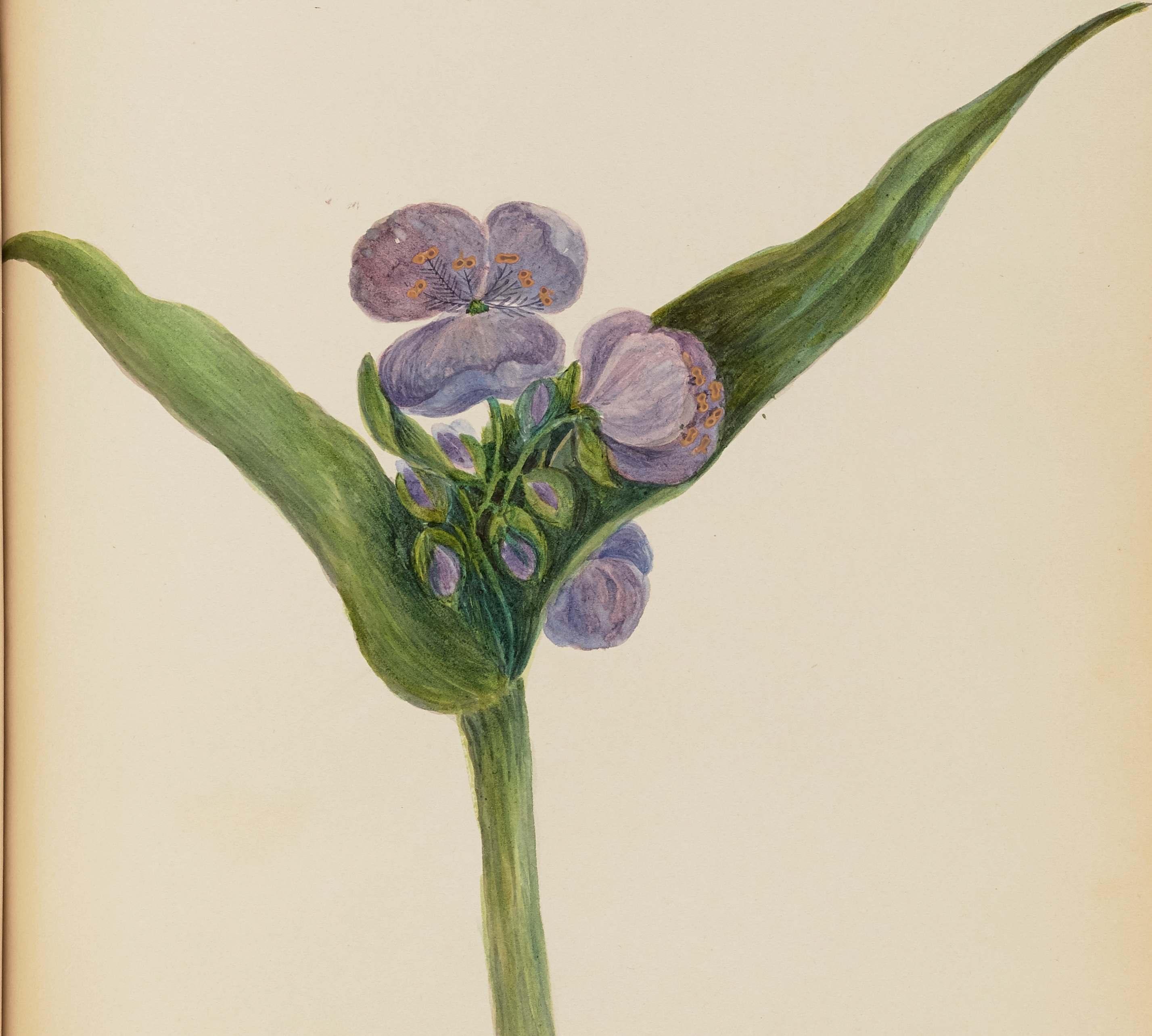
Lupinus. Perennis.
Lupin.



Œnothera fruticosa.
Sun-drop.

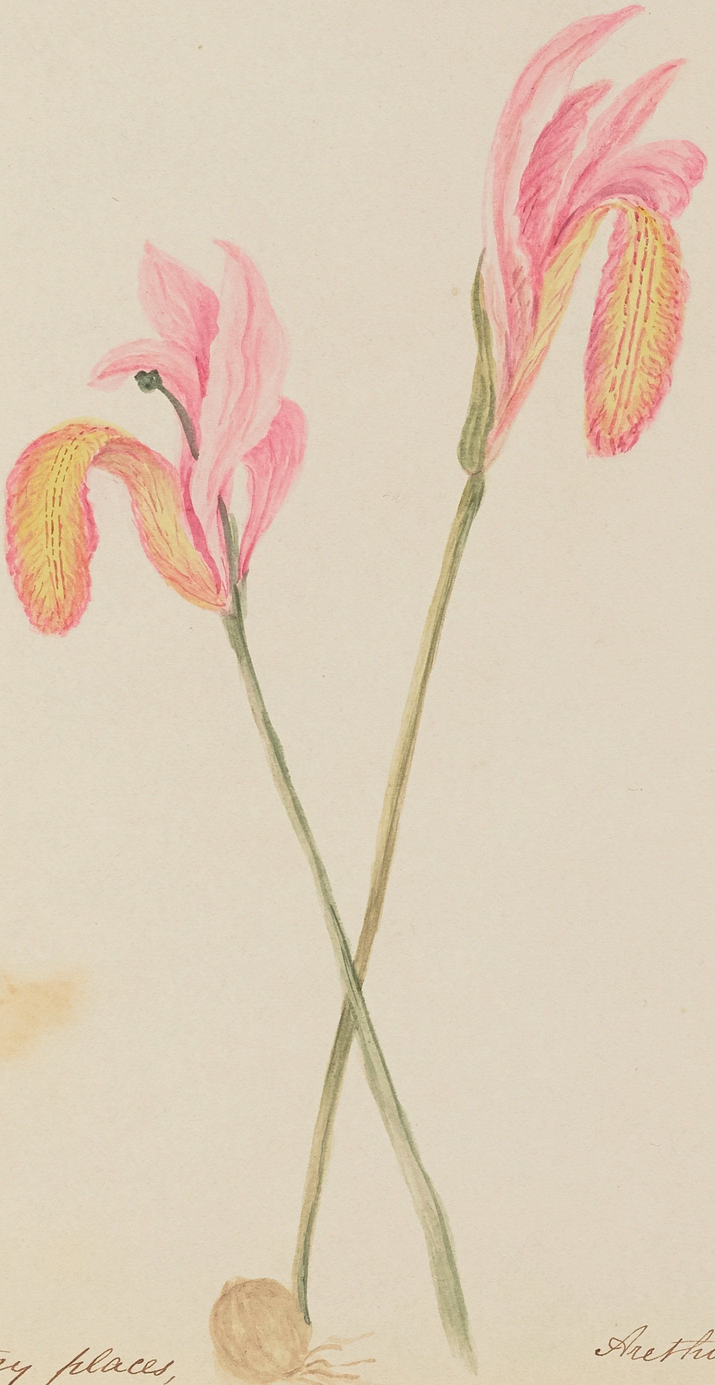


Cypripedium
Ladies Slipper.



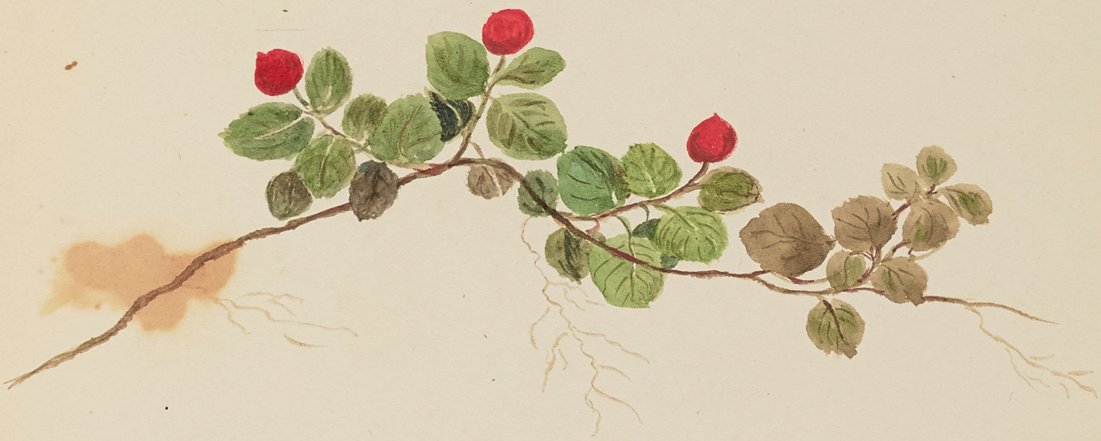
from John Tradescant, the discoverer—
& one of the early settlers of Virginia

Tradescantia. Virginica.
Spider - wort.

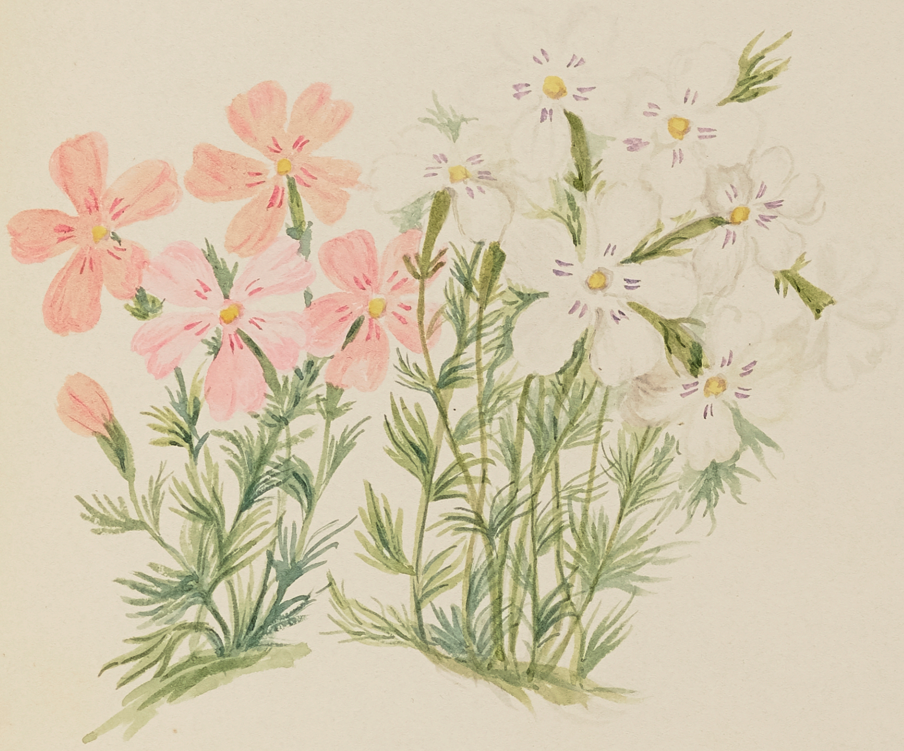


Found in solitary places,
and only at intervals of several years.

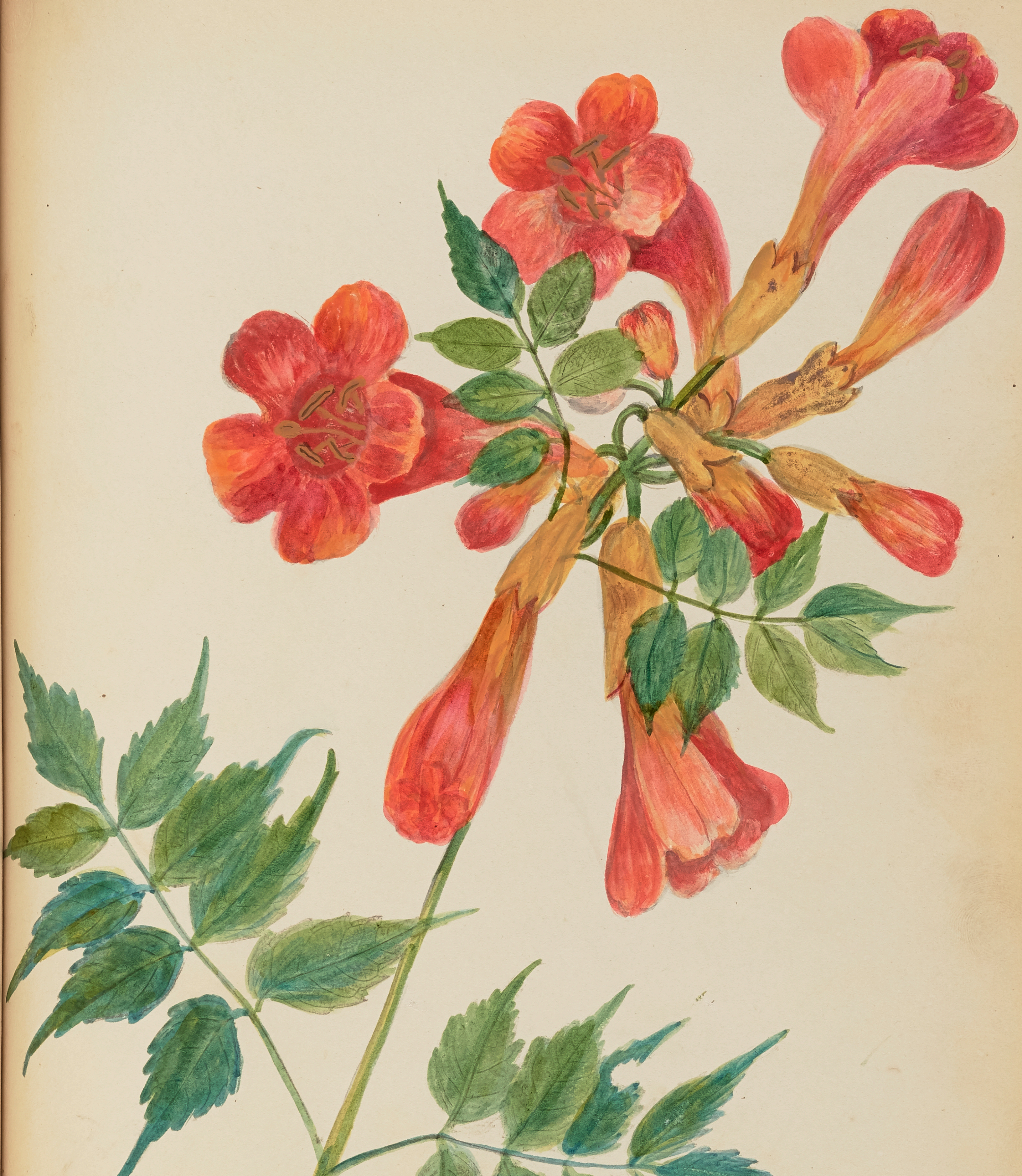
Arethusa Bulbosa.
Orchidæ



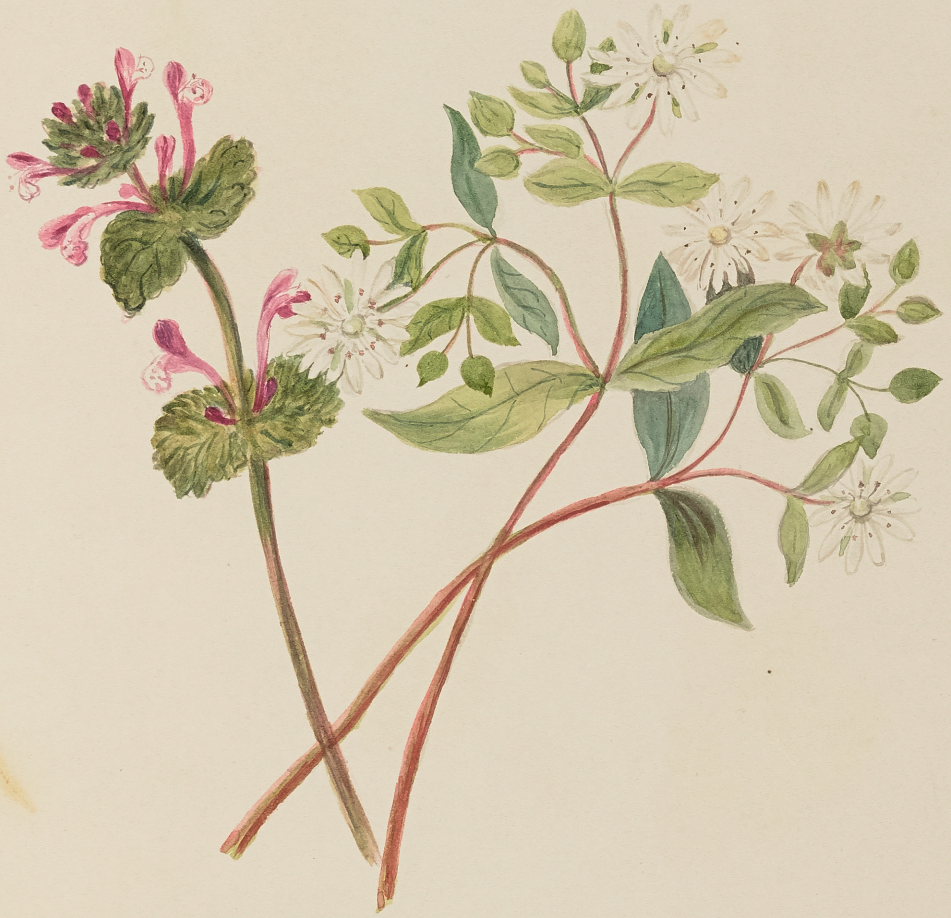
Gaultheria procumbens.
Partridge Berry.



Phlox - Subulata.



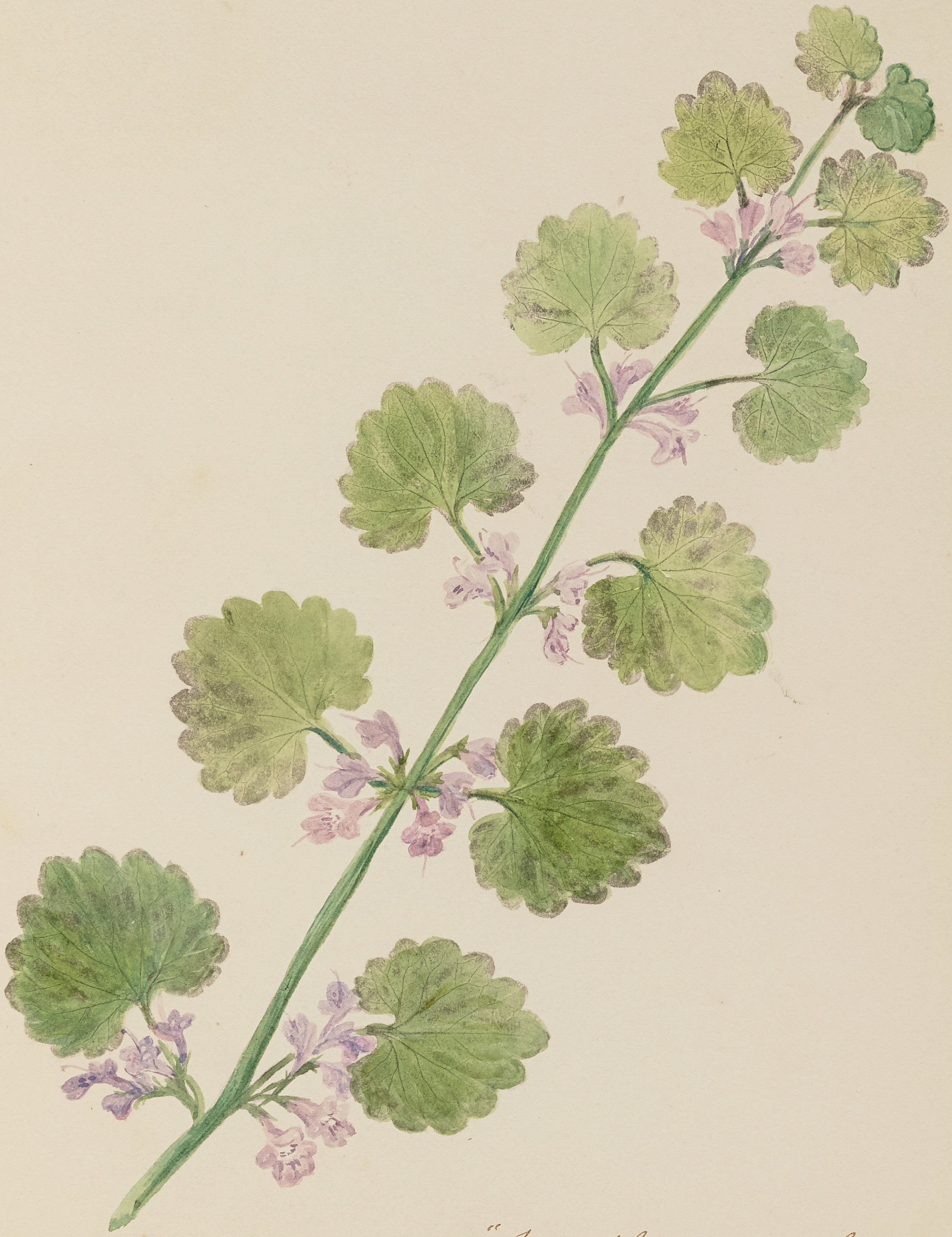
Bignonia. radican
Trumpet-flower.



Chick-weed.

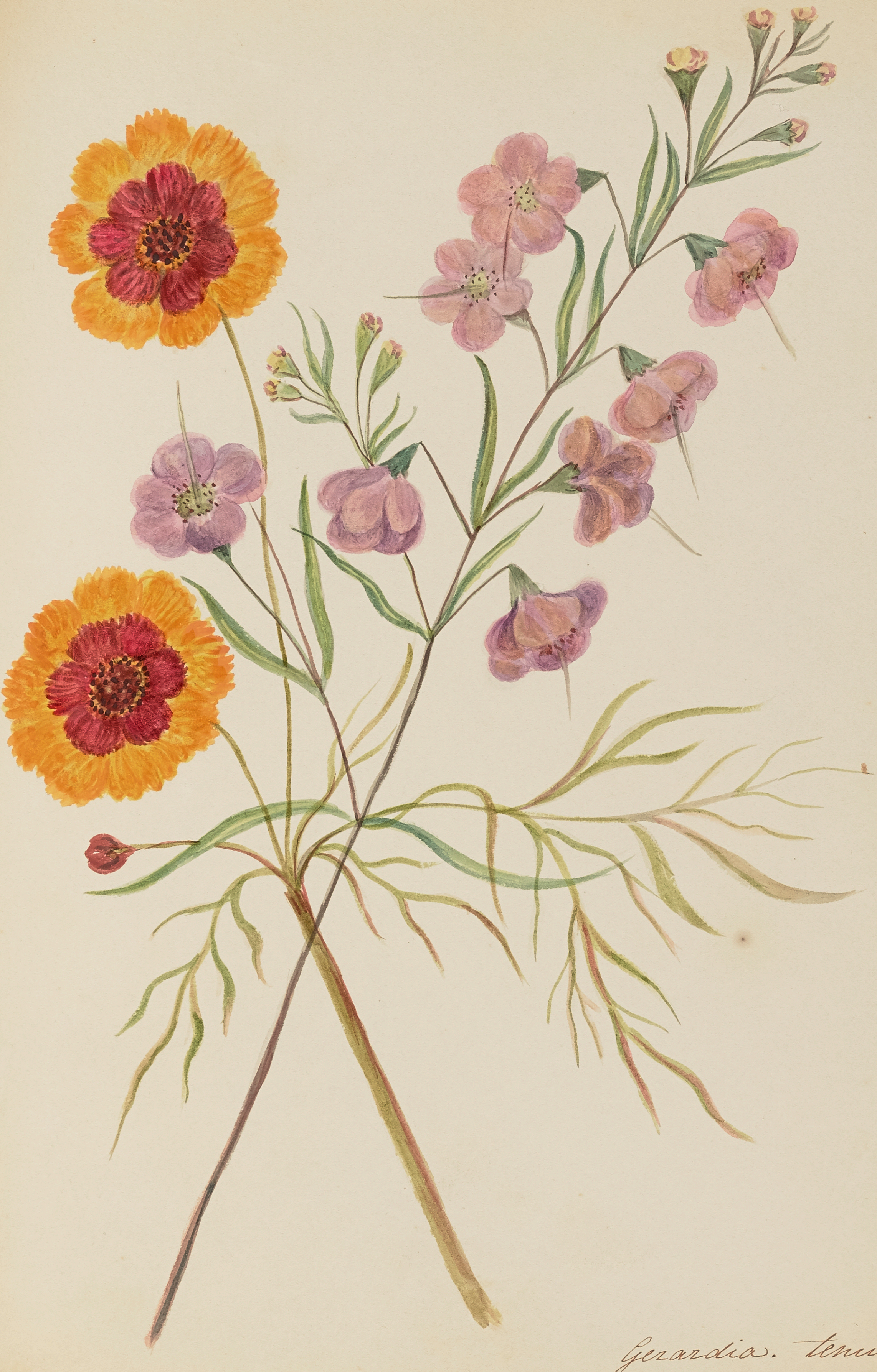
Stellaria - Star-wort.

"When through earths caverns, I awhile have rolled
My waves, I rise, and here again behold
The long-lost stars" — Ovid, Metamorphos



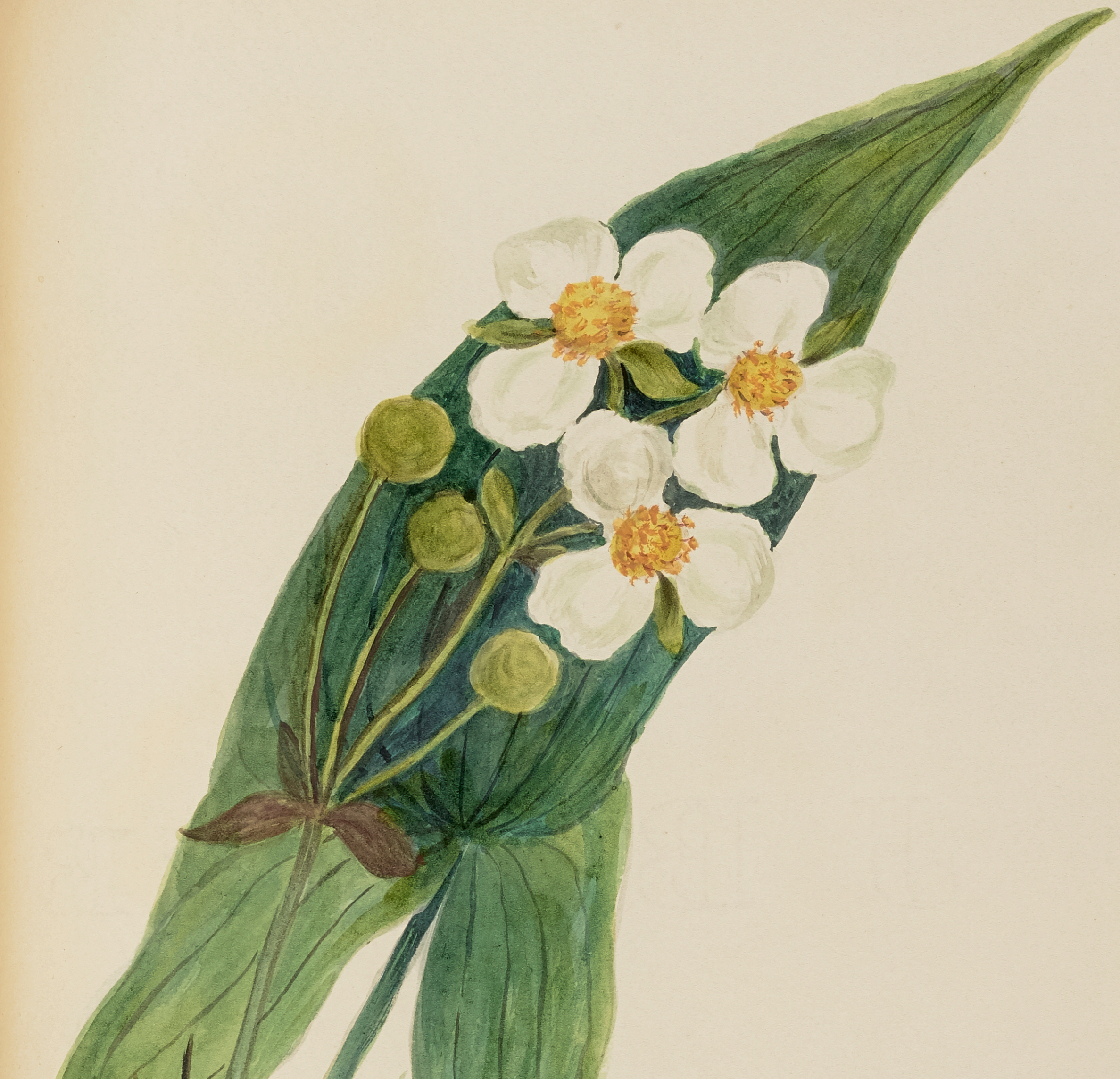
Glechoma. hederacea.
Ground Ivy. Gill overground.

"And there, upon the sod below
Ground Ivy's purple bloſsoms shew—
Like helmet of crusaders knight
Its anthers croſs-like form of white"!
Bishop Mant.

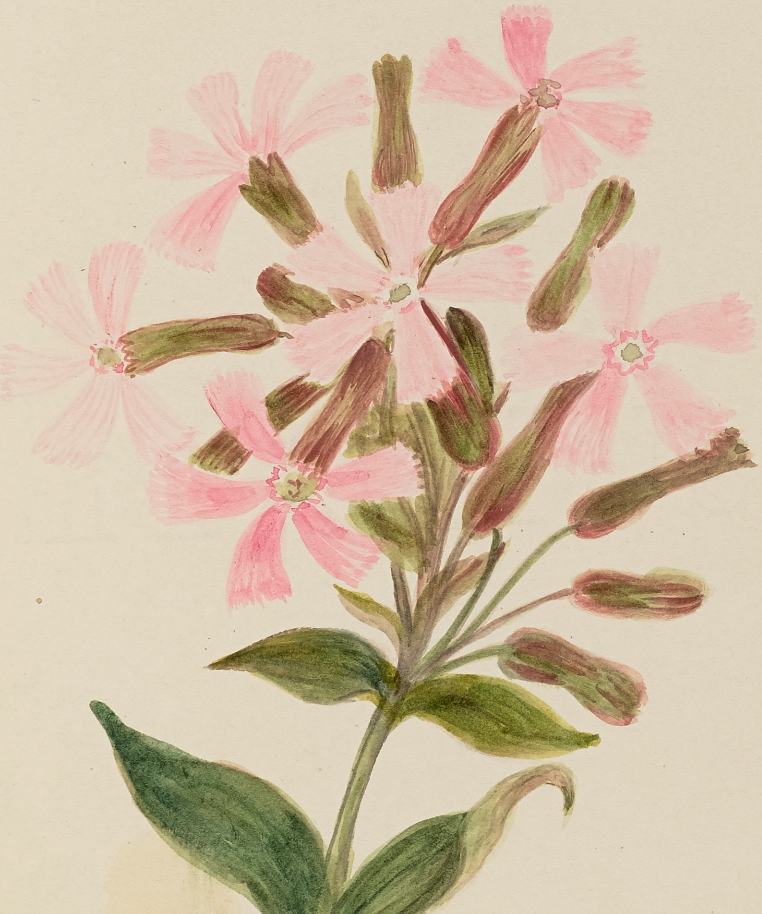


Gerardia. tenuifolia.

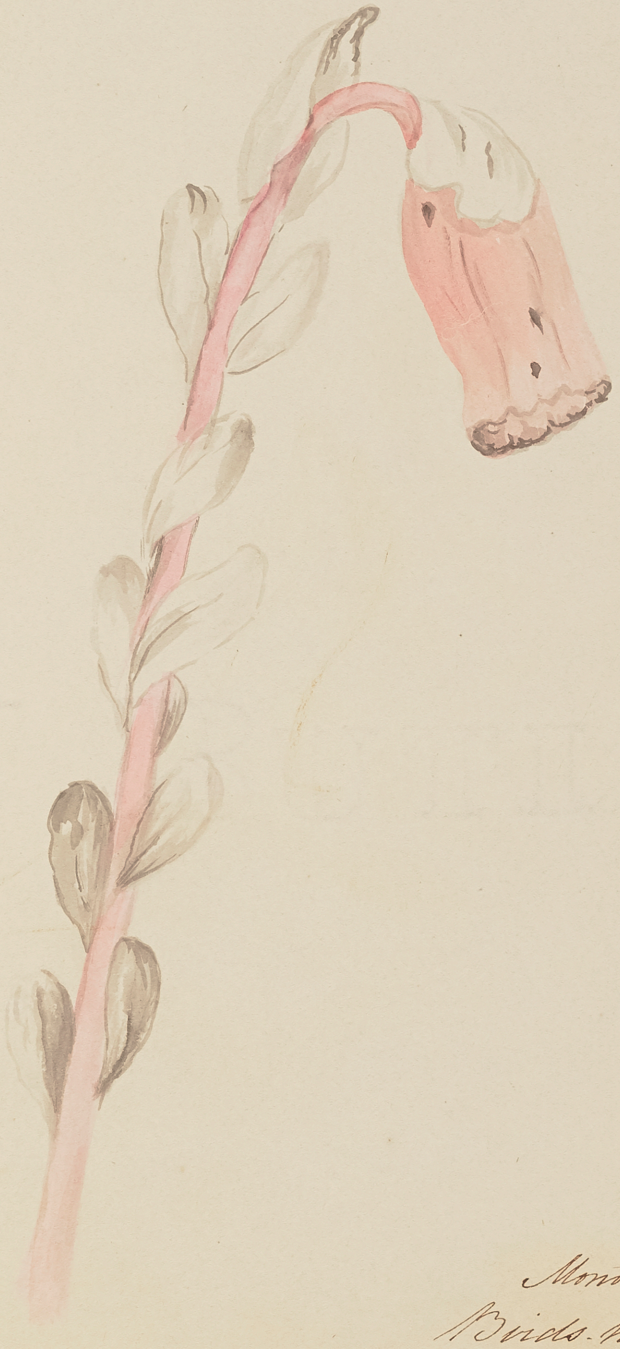
Coreopsis. tinctoria.



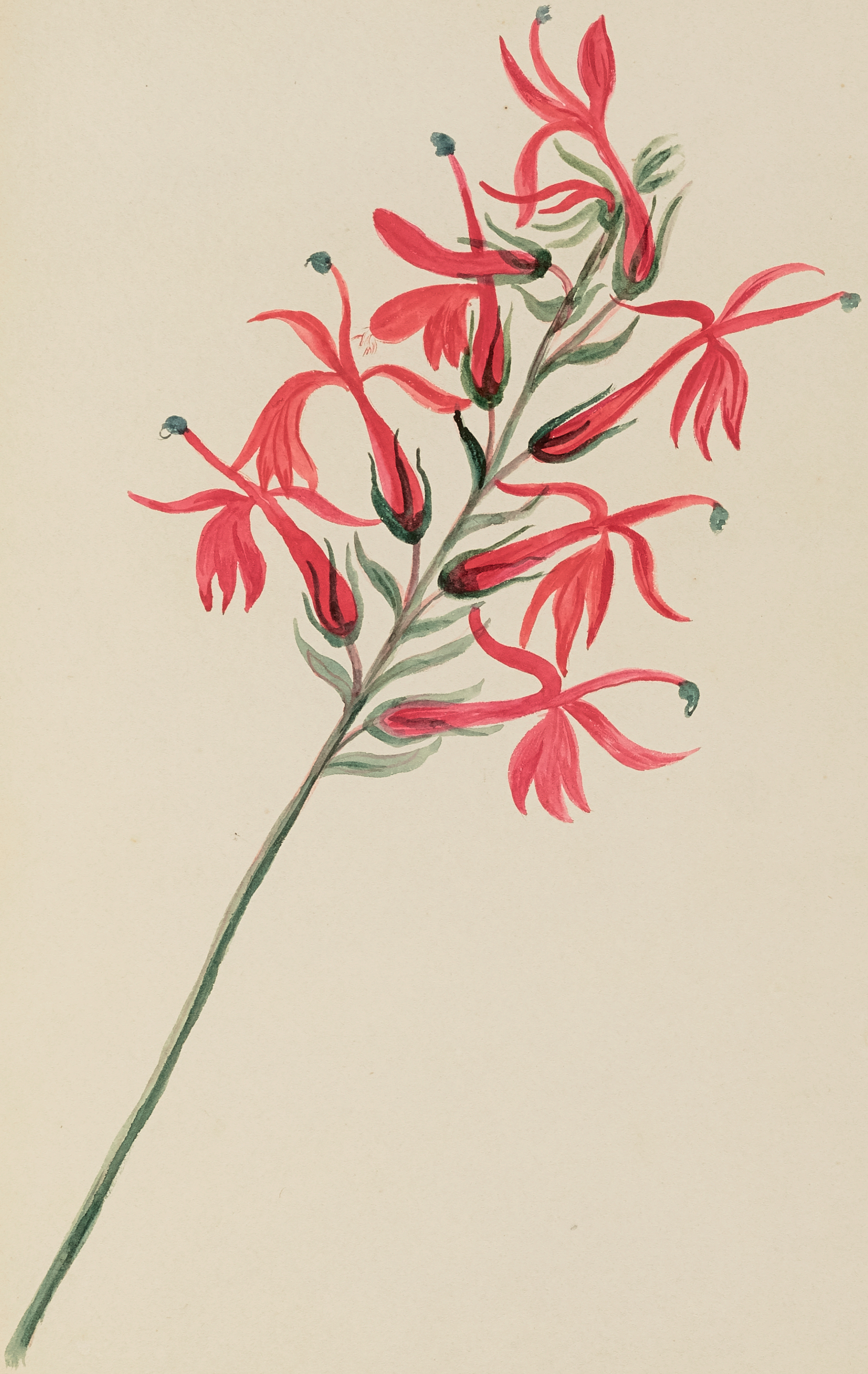
Sagittaria - Arrow head.



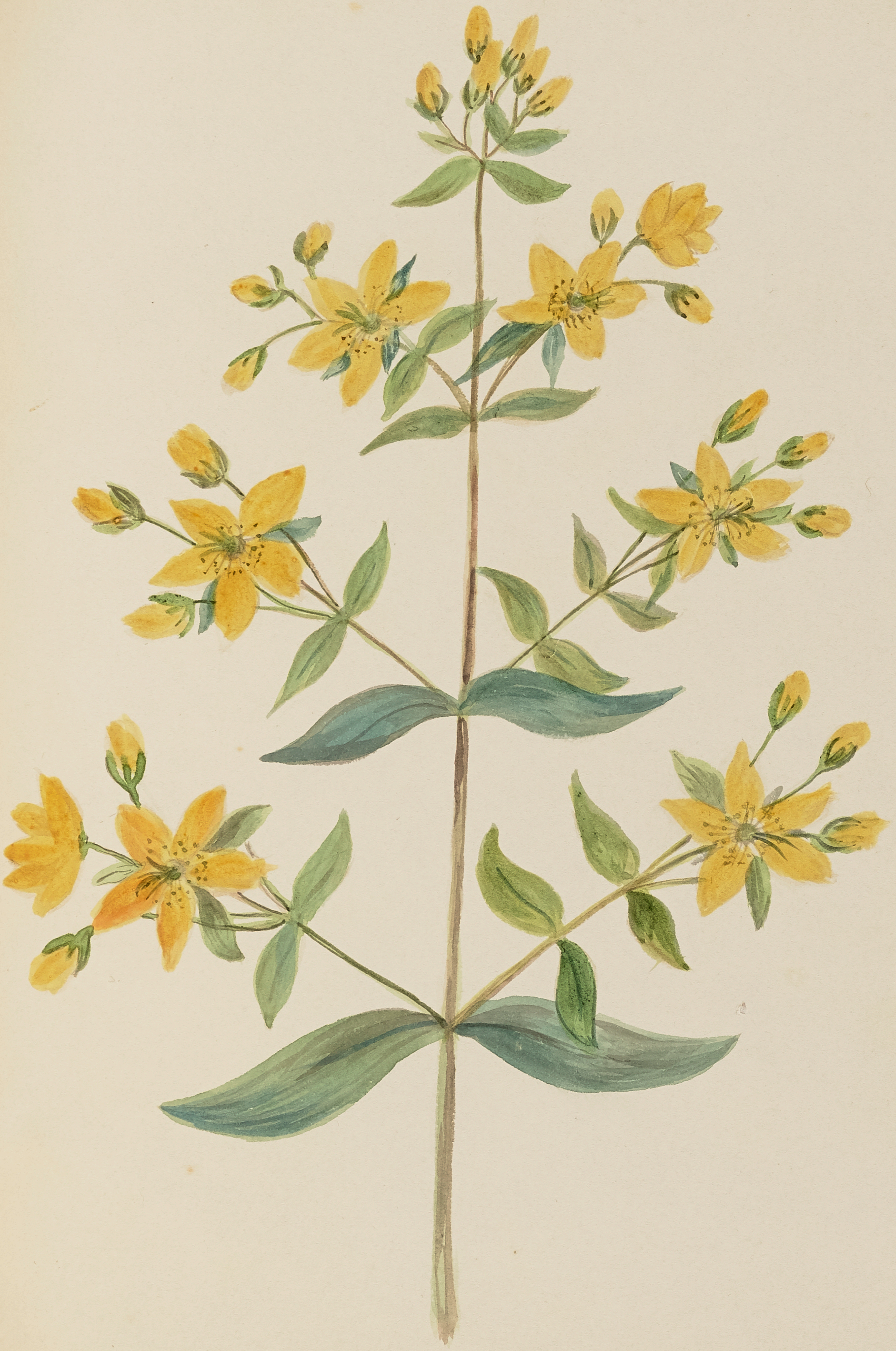
Phlox subulata,
Mountain Pink.



Monotropa uniflora.
Birds-nest. Indian pipe.
The whole plant, ivory white, at first.

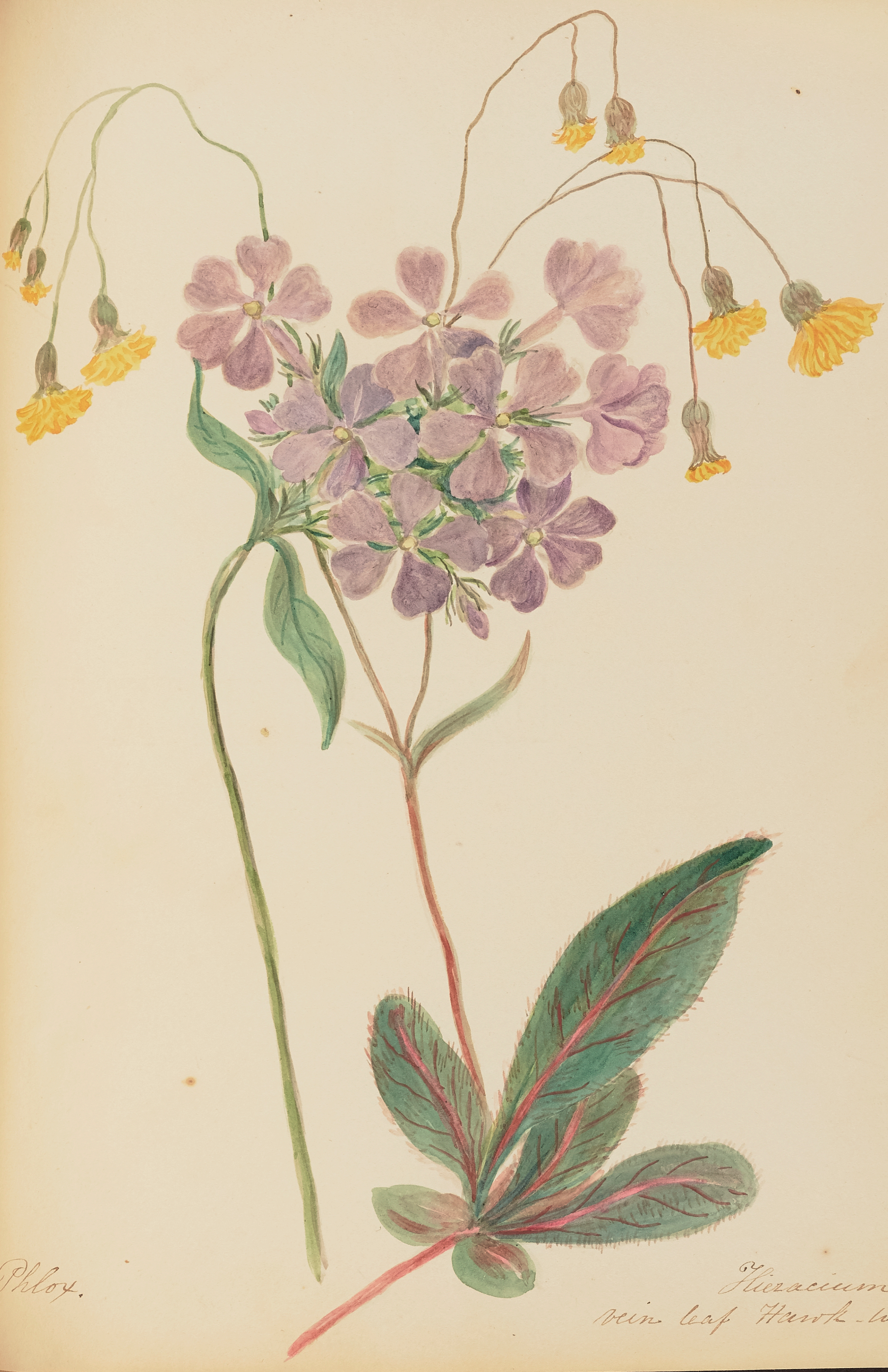


Lobelia. Cardinalis
Scarlet Lychnis



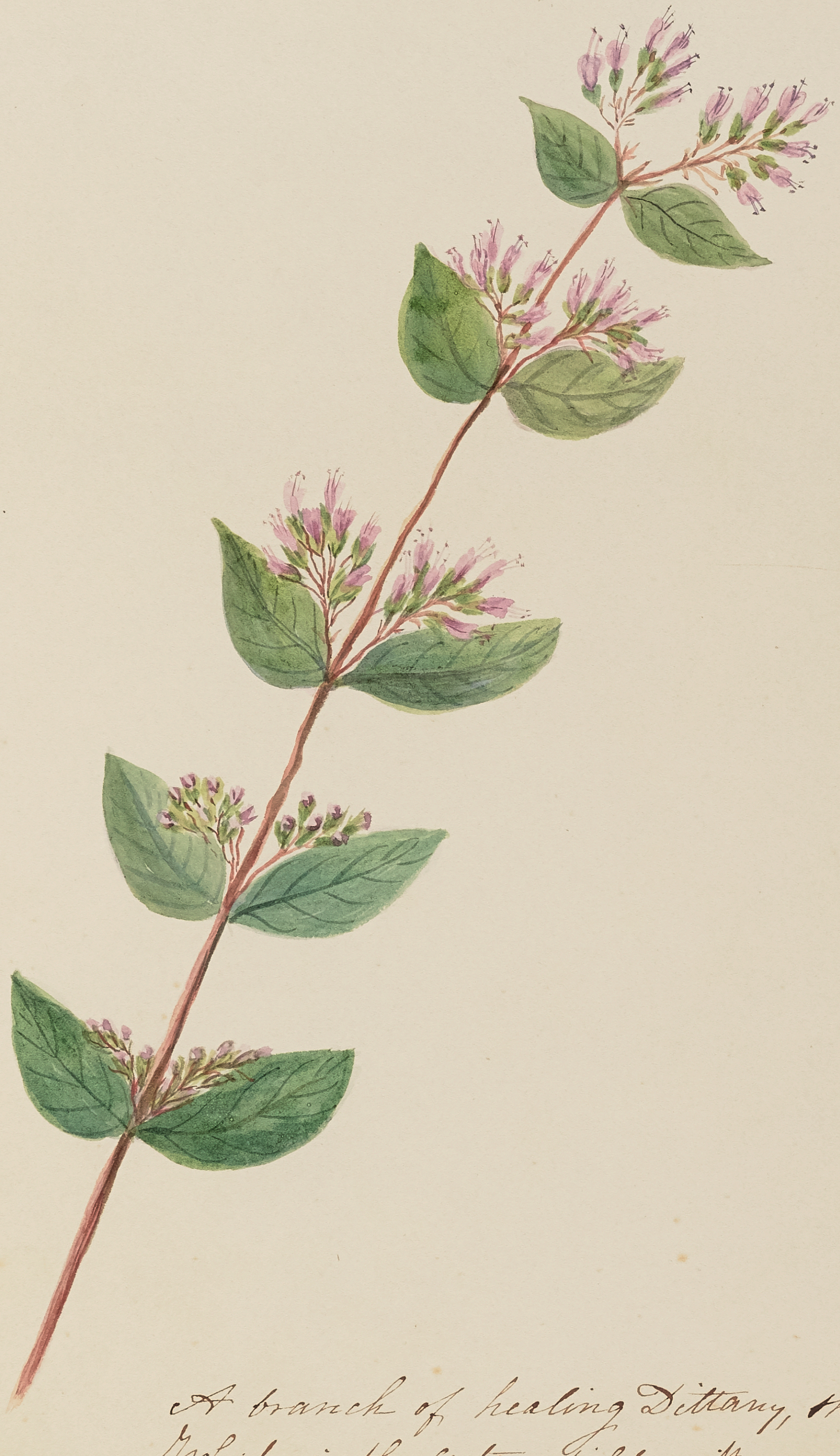
St. Johns Wort.

To this plant was anciently attributed the virtue of defending persons, from phantoms, & Spectres.



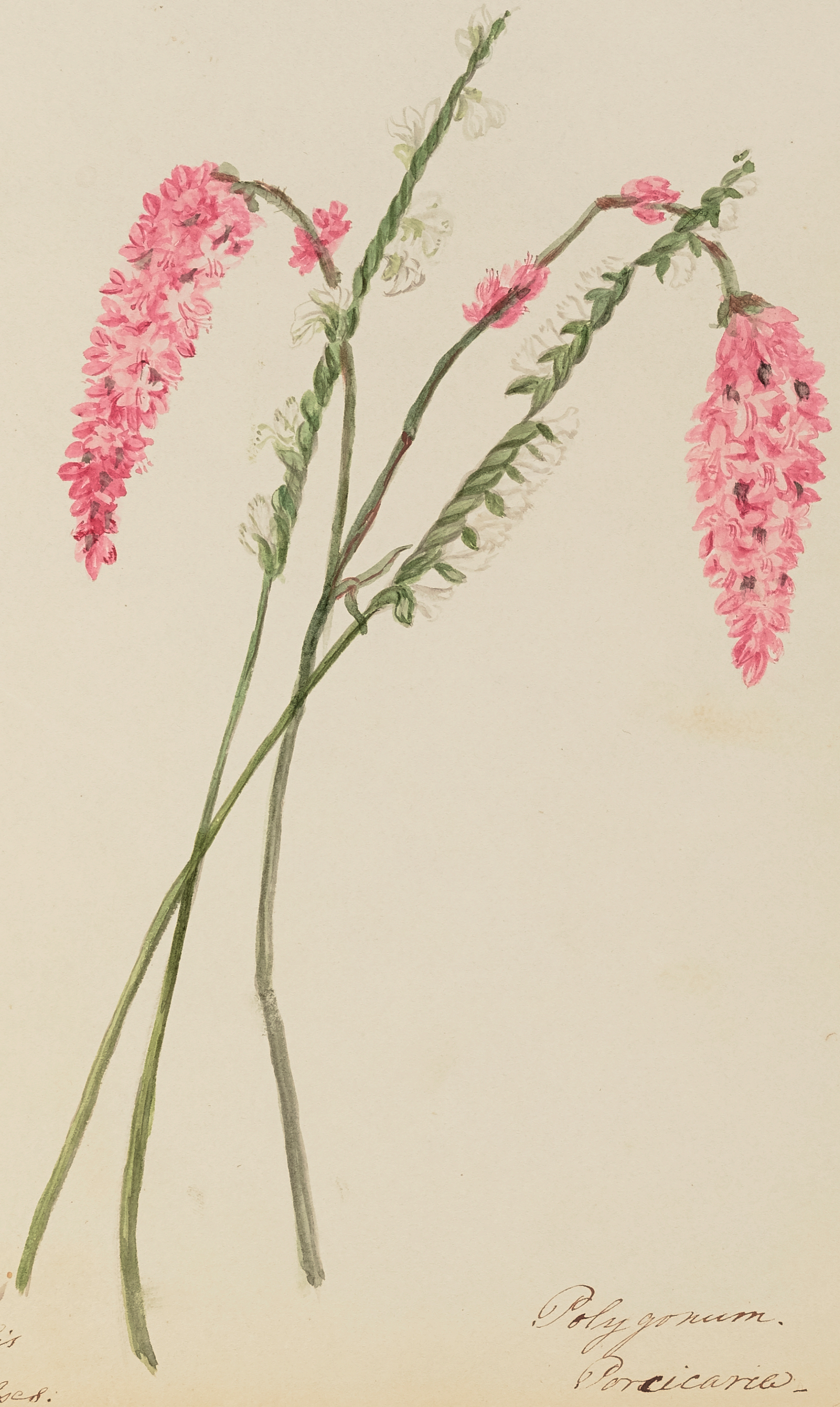
Phlox.

Hieracium
vein leaf Hawk-weed.



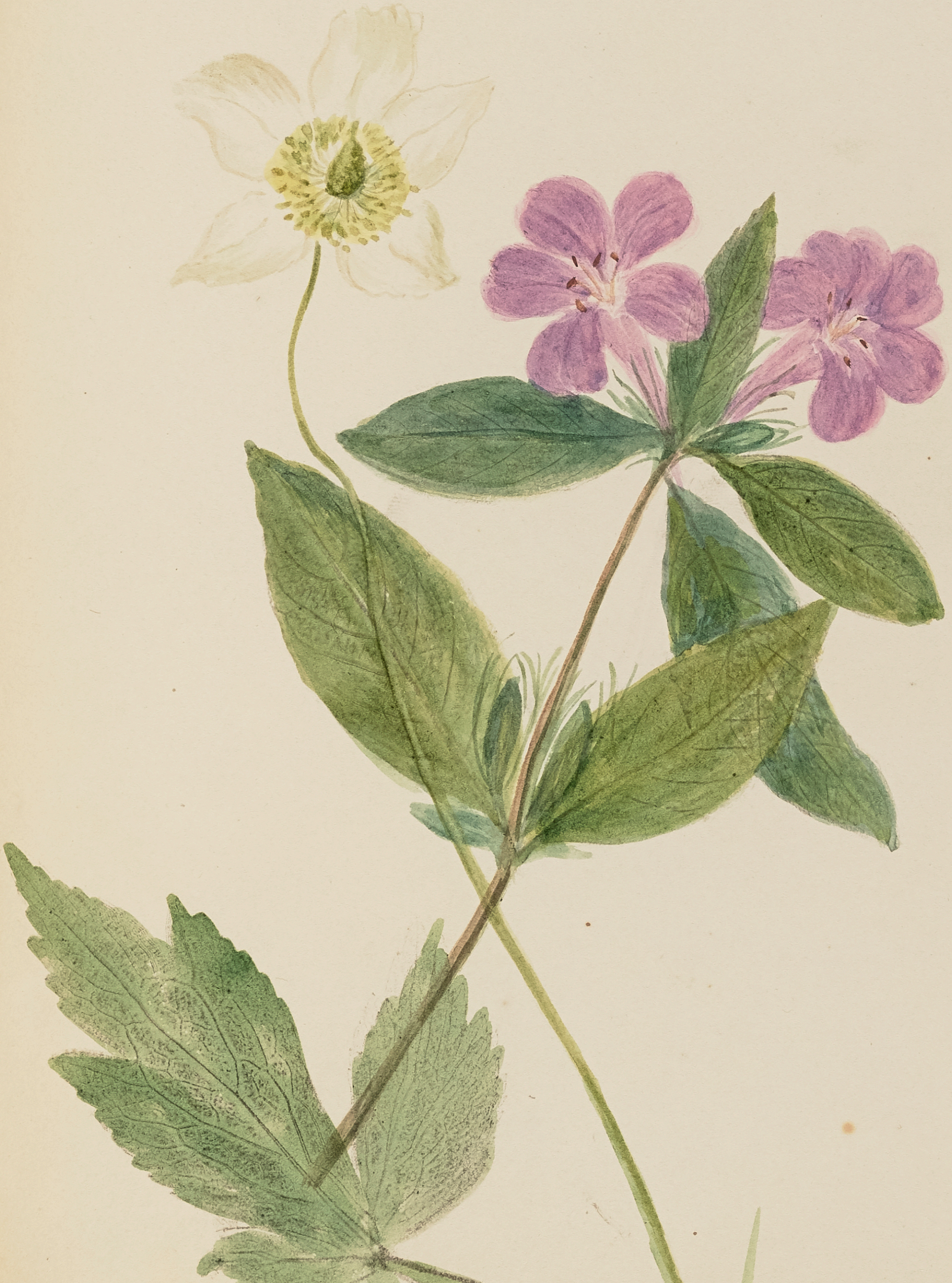
Cunila. glabella -
Dittany.

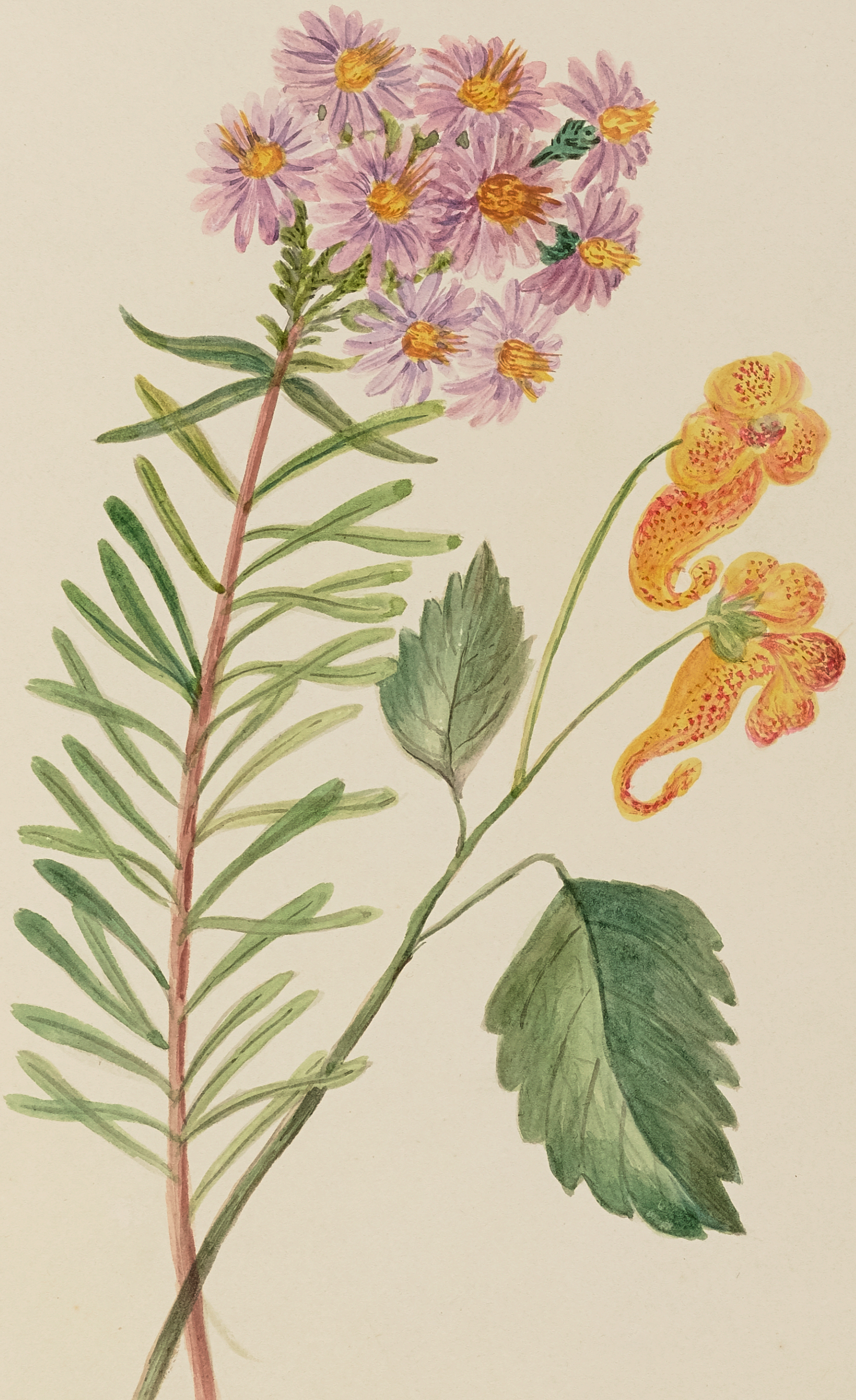
A branch of healing Dittany, she brought,
Which in the Cretan fields, with care she sought -
— This Venus brings in clouds involv'd, & brews,
The extracted liquor, with Ambrosial dews —
Æneis - Book XII.



Neotia gracilis
Ladies treſses.

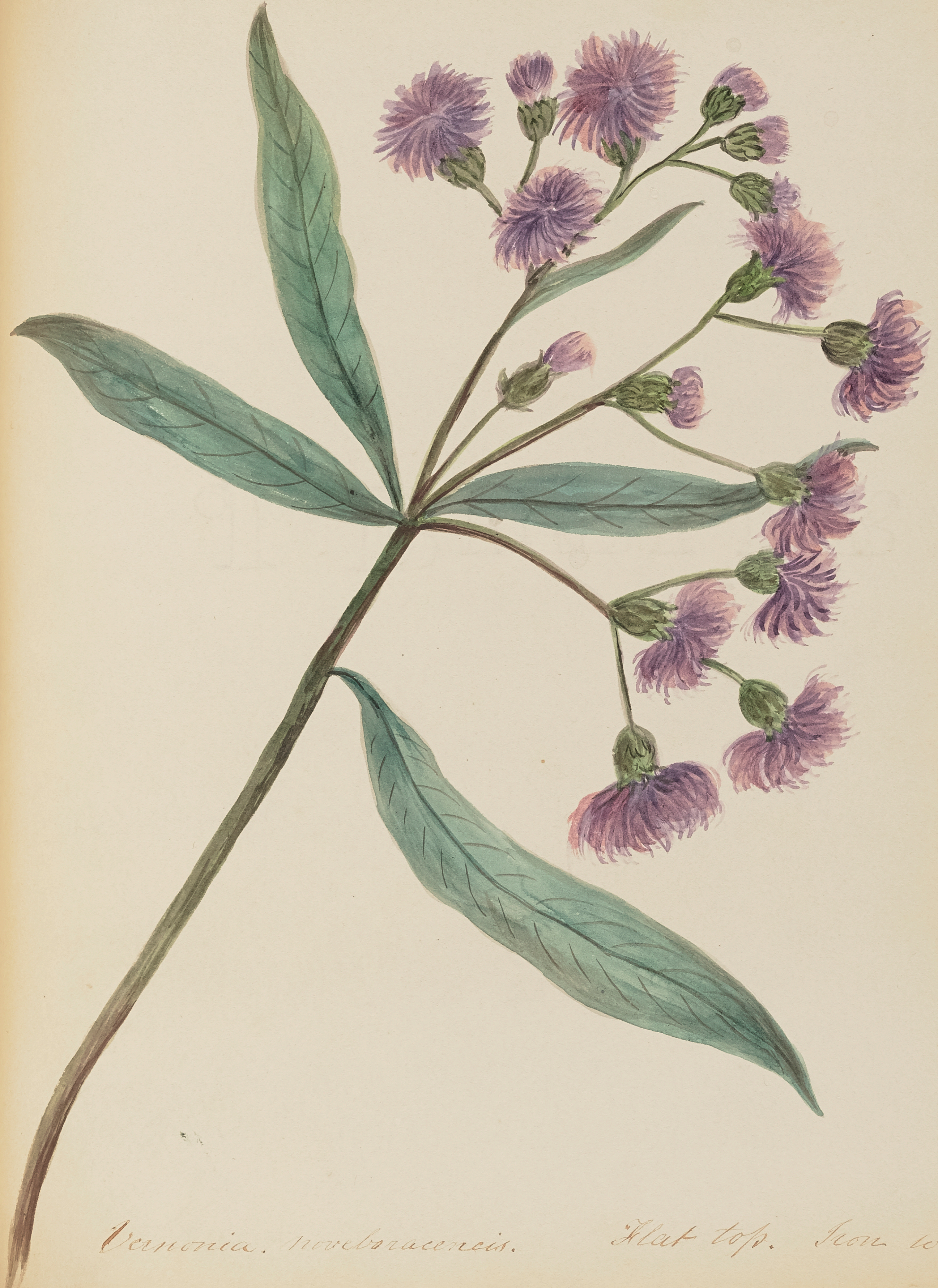
Polygonum.
Porcicaria-



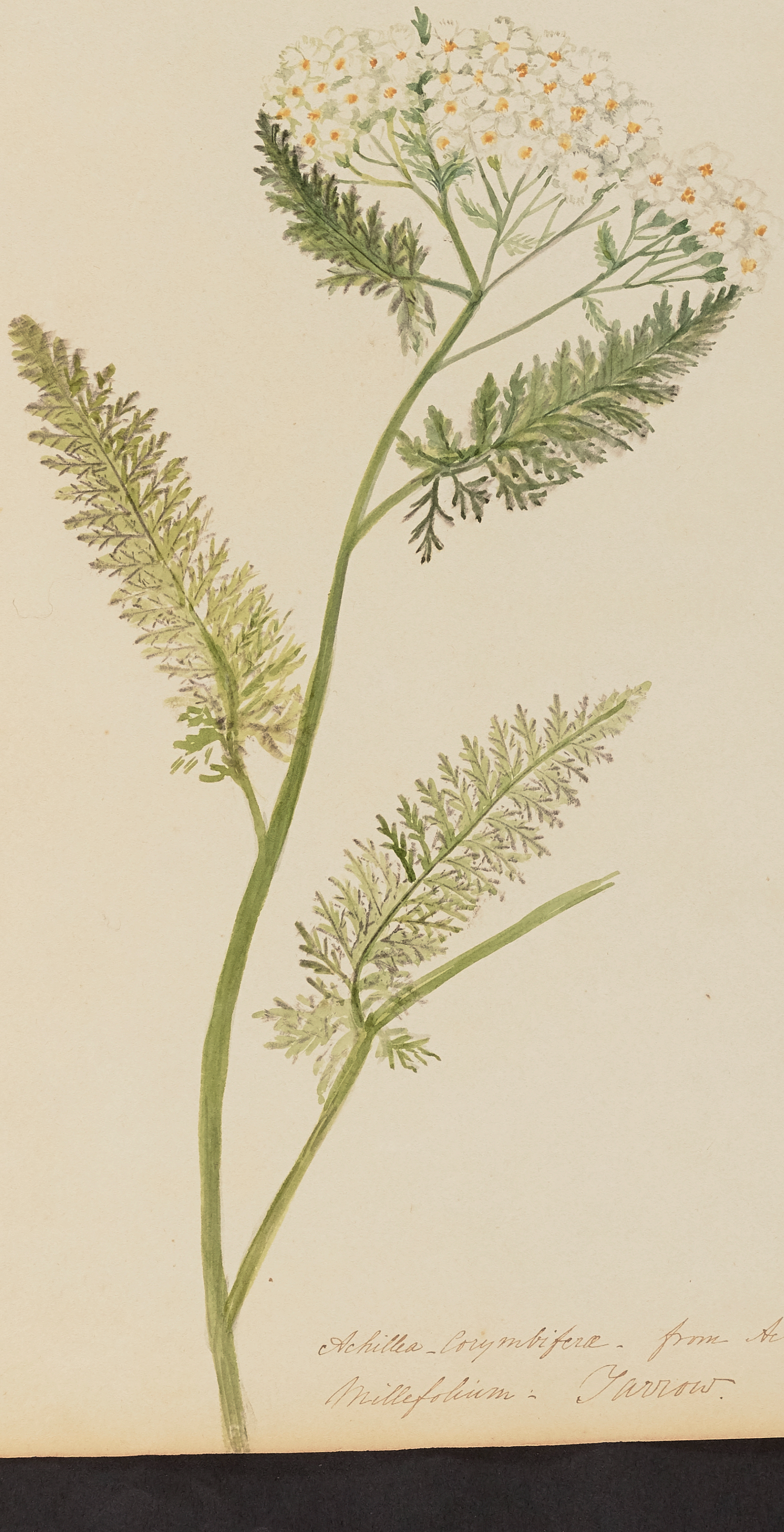


Aster rigidus-

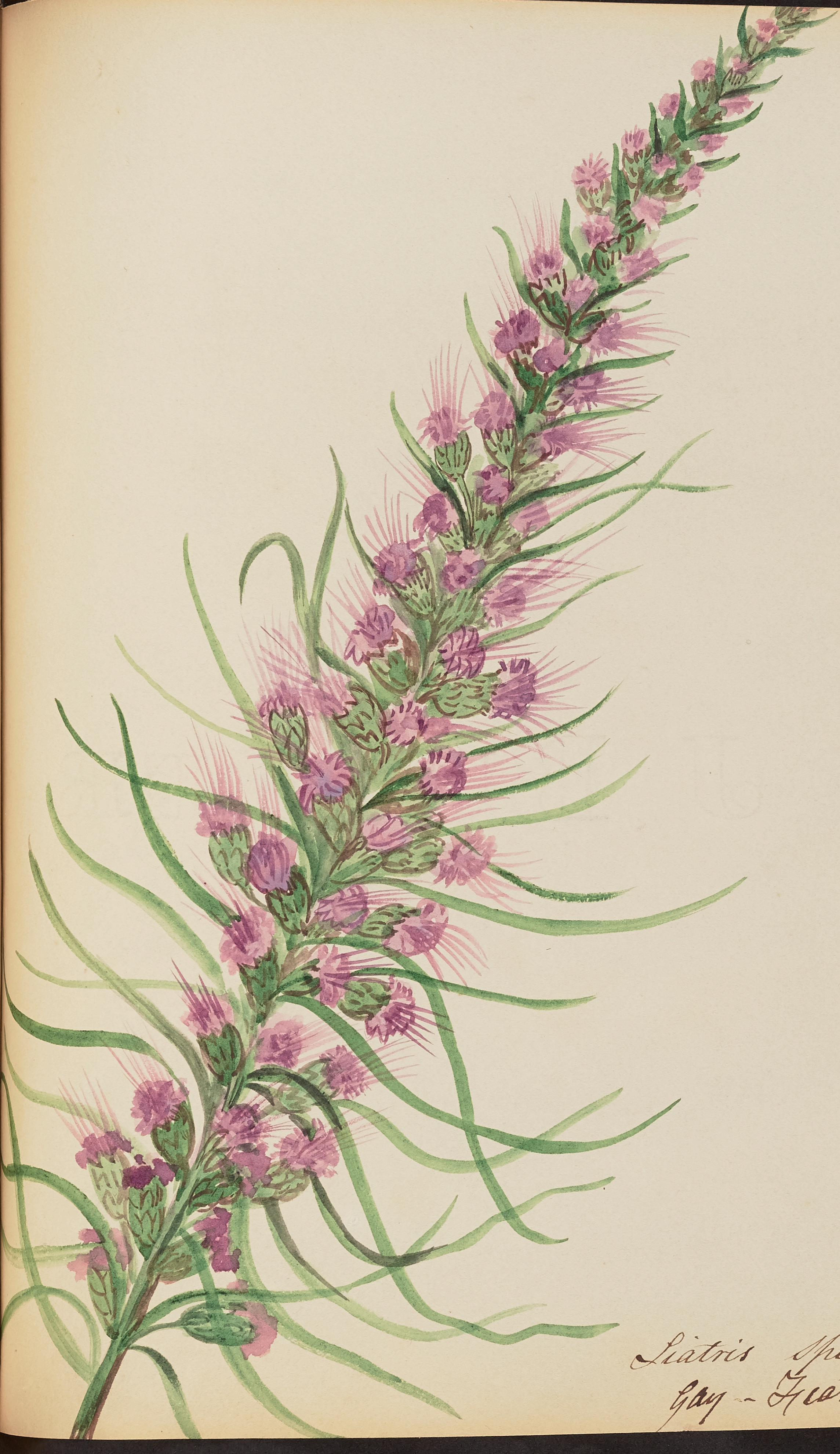
Impatiens pallida.
Jewel weed - Touch me not.



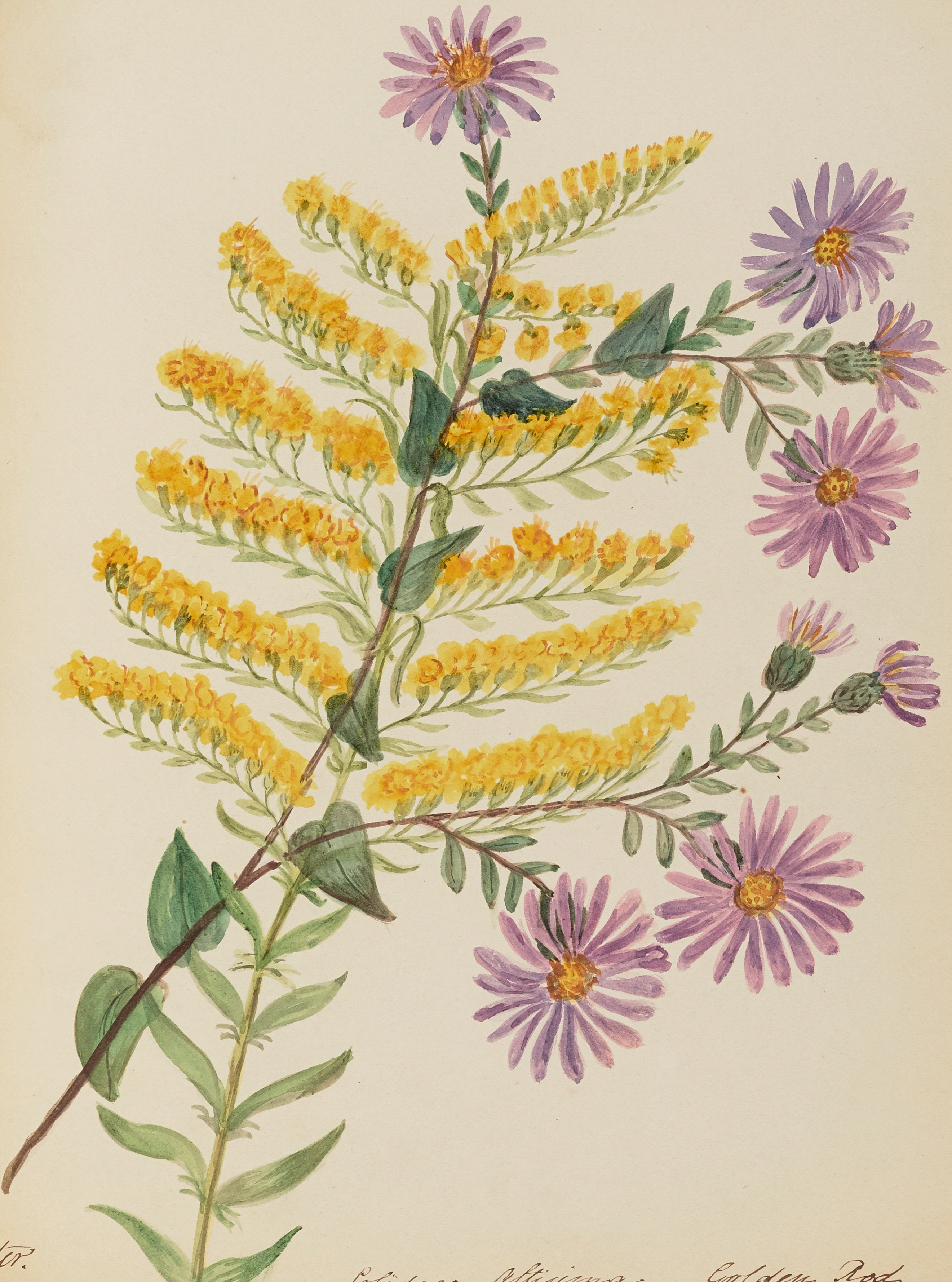
Vernonia. noveboracensis. Flat top. Iron weed_



Achillea - Corymbiferæ - from Achilles -
Millefolium - Yarrow.

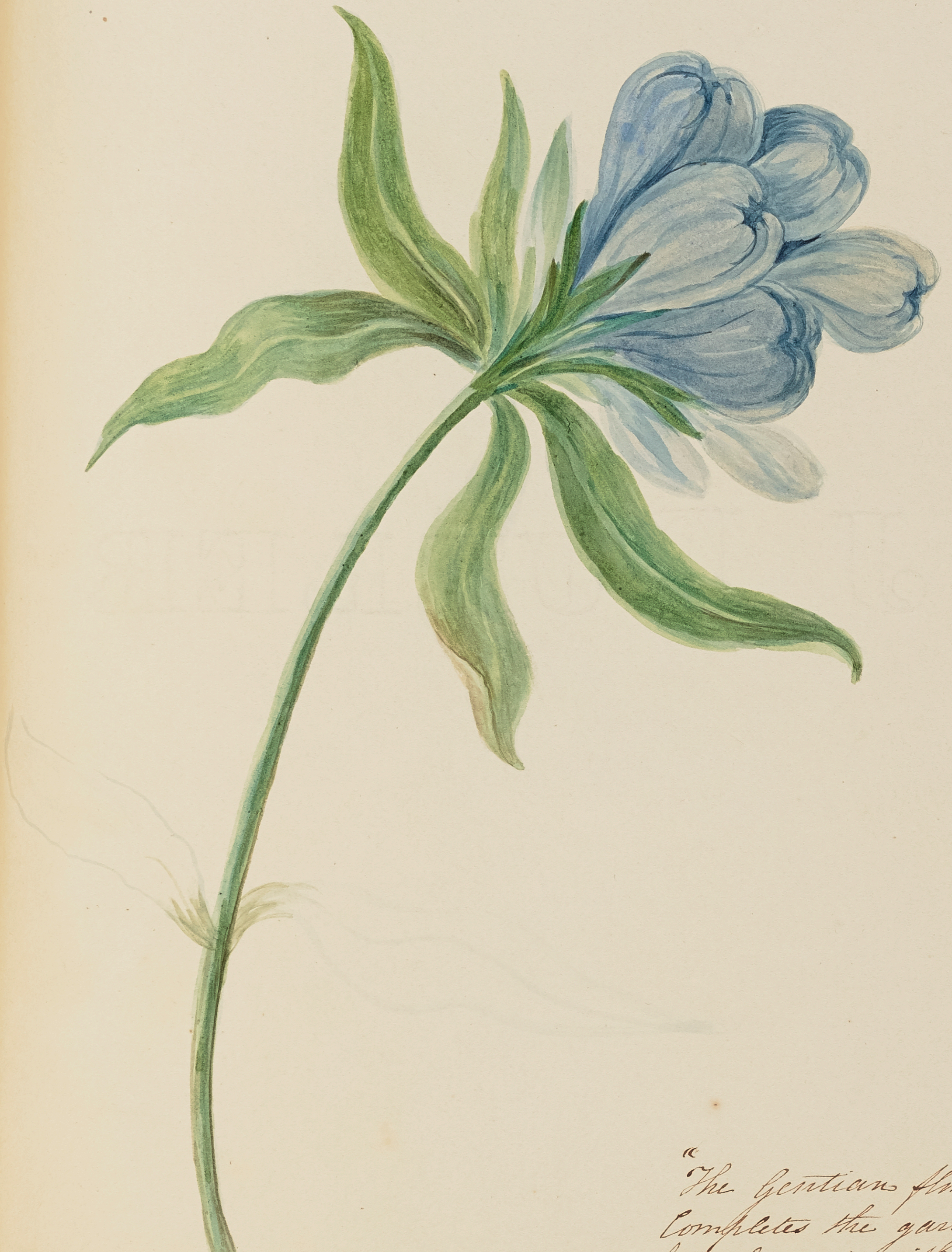


Liatris Spicata,
Gay--Feather.



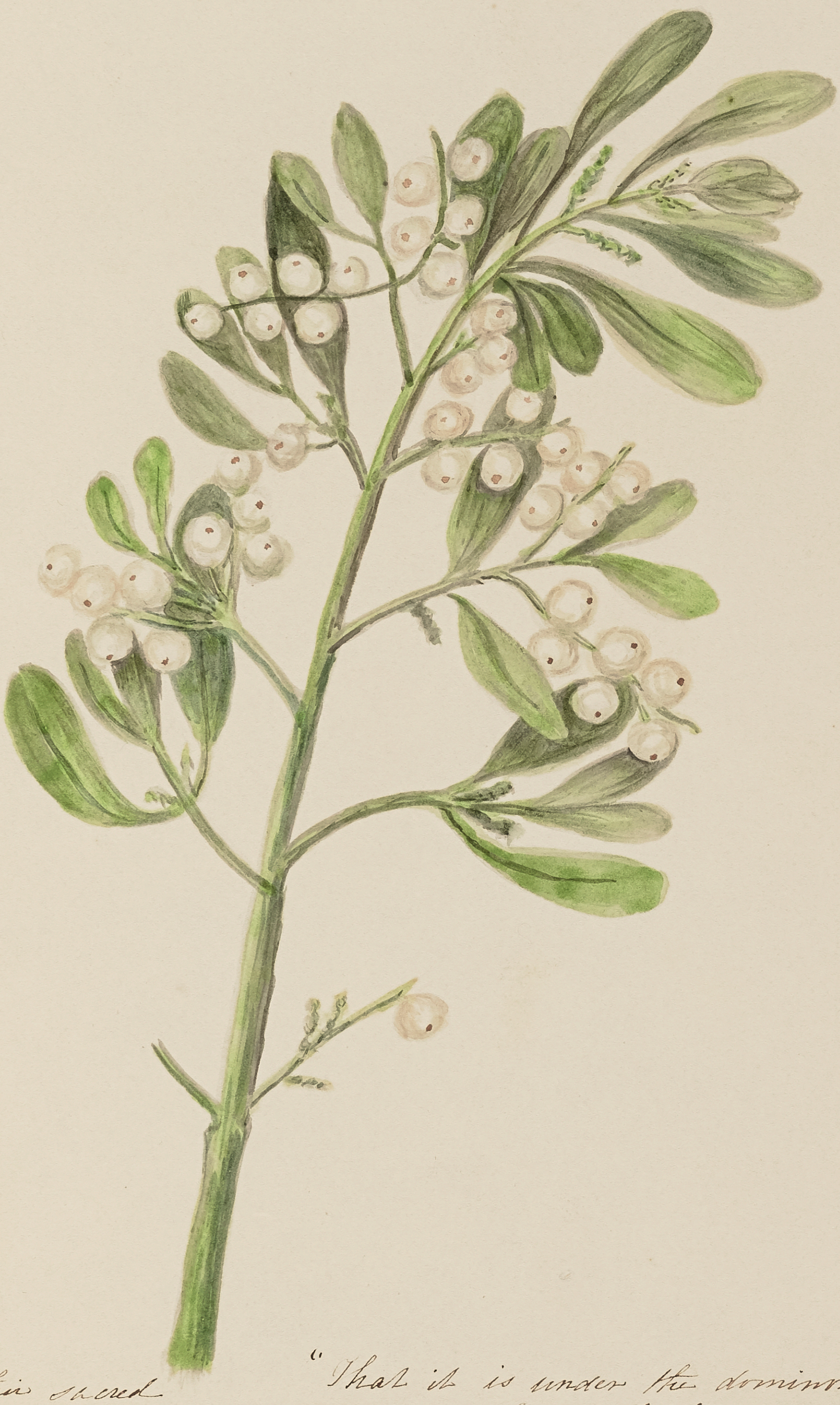
Aster.

Solidago altisima. Golden Rod.



"The Gentian flower, whose azure clear,
Completes the garland of the year;
Which ends with blue, as it began
To mark whence dropp'd the wreath to May."

Gentiana.
Saponária.



was used in their sacred
rites, by the Druids, and
athered with Golden
hooks, & great ceremony."

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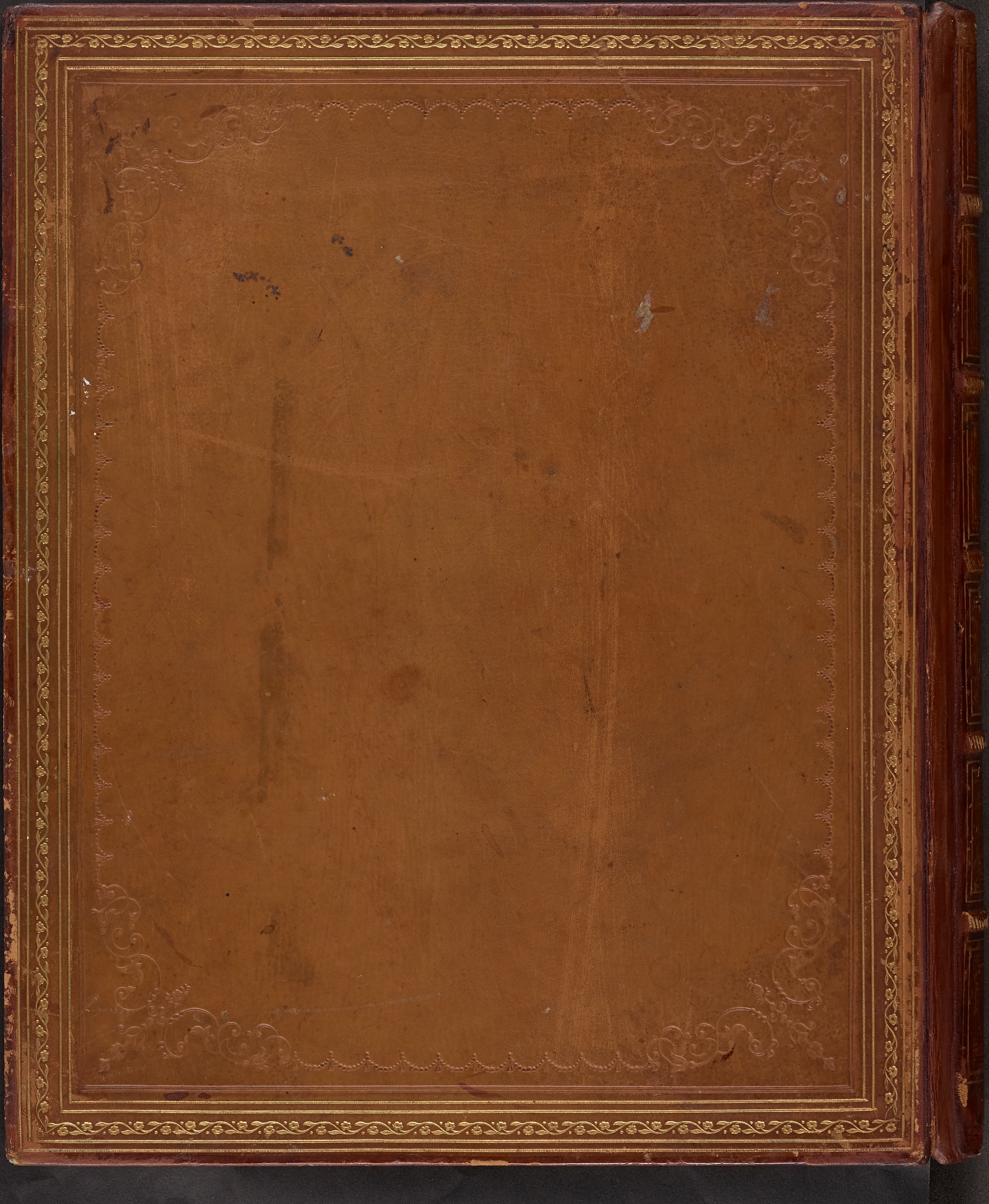
cus. Misseltoe –

"That it is under the dominion of the Sun, I do not question – that which grows upon Oaks, partakes something of the nature of Jupiter because an Oak is one of his trees. – Clusius affirms that which grows upon Pear Trees, – being hung about the neck remedies witch-craft. – he also saith, that it should not touch the ground, after it is gathered"

Old English Physician enlarged –



For the Flora of 1840.

Once more we go forth at the call of Spring,
With joy as we list its softened tone,
Once more dear Mother, wild flowers we bring,
For a garland fair from Heaven is thrown—
O'er hills & dales, and summer bowers
Brightening and cheering this world of ours,
Who as grateful for beauties so freely given,
Her tribute of perfume sends back to Heaven.—

Again we go forth, and thy hand will trace,
The fairest & sweetest of those we bear,
Whilst they for ever will find a place,
Garner'd most things to memory dear.—
The thought of our Mother—a sacred power!
It sanctifies even the fields wild-flower
It gives it a beauty nought else can impart
Speaking not to the eye—but the soul & the heart.—

In youth & in joy we go forth again,
Nought has been plucked from ~~our~~ garden of Life,
The old-oks still stand—the flowers remain
The scene still with hope & with pleasure is rife;
And thank we our God, & Father above
Who has looked on our garden with Mercy & love;
And oft may the Spring-time come smiling again
On the unbroken links of our family chain!

Louisa—
Highlands—

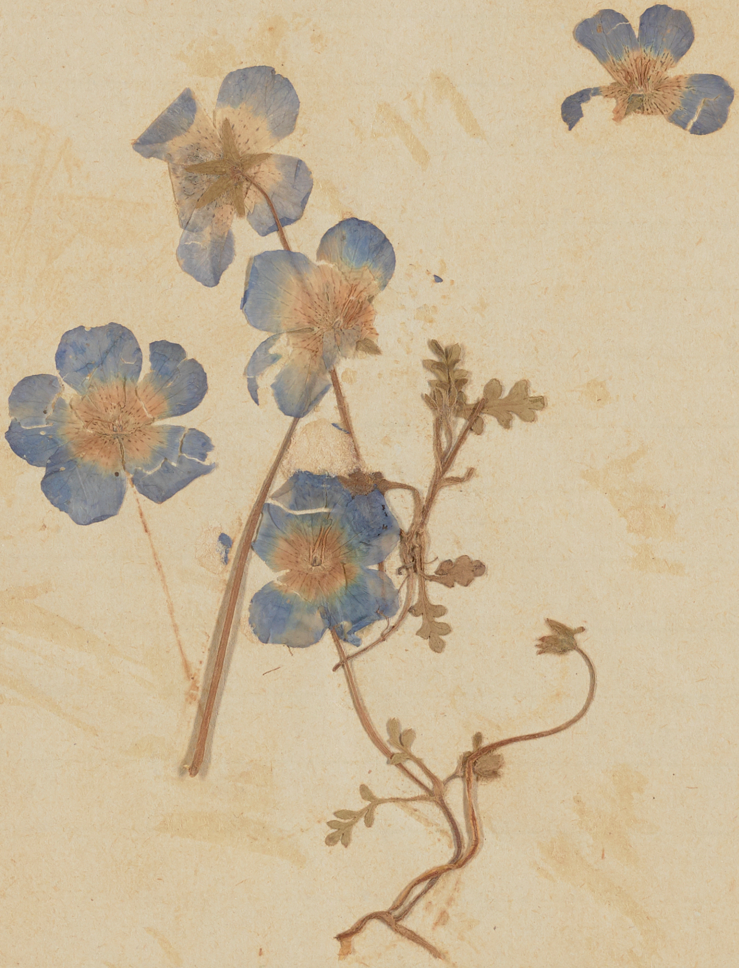
For Mamma's Book of Flowers. 1839.

Ye were gather'd in gladness— from vale & from hill,
From the scenes where in childhood we sportively stray'd,
The woods rugged side, & the murmuring rill
The valleys seclusion, the forests deep shade
Have alike sent a tribute to memory dear
And the hand of our Mother, hath copied them here.

Ye were gather'd in gladness— no gorgeous dies
Of high-priced exotics are found in our wreath,
No flowers have forsaken their fostering skies
To fade 'neath the blasts of our winters cold breath.
But planted by Nature, & nursed by her showers
The Highlands gave birth to this garland of ours.

Ye were gather'd in gladness— but summer is o'er
And the jewels are gone, which so brightened the plain,
The place which once knew now knows them no more
And though spring with her breath may revive them again,
There are feelings which childhood alone can impart,
And once fled, they will never revisit the heart—

Ye were gather'd in gladness, but should we regret
What must vanish with childhoods bright season away
For the day-star of hope is conducting us yet,
And Memory's perspective is sunlit & gay,—
But will join in the hope that in Life's closing hours,
We may find that we've planted a path-way of flowers—

Louisa—